

# HAPPY EASTER!

## CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



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### Robin may be replaced as state bird

For the second year in a row, legislation has been introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives that would designate the black-capped chickadee the official state bird.

Bird enthusiasts have been trying since at least 1950 to replace the robin with the chickadee as the state's favorite bird. That year the state Audubon Society led the drive.

In 1981, Petoskey businessman Tom Symons collected 15,000 petition signatures favoring the chickadee. Petitions were again submitted in 1991 and 1999.

Former Gov. William Milliken, widely viewed as "Michigan's conservation governor," has endorsed the current effort on the chickadee's behalf.

The robin was designated the state's bird by legislative resolution in 1931, after an Audubon survey indicated it was the state's favorite songbird. The robin edged out the chickadee 45,511 votes to 37,155.

Chickadee proponents point out poll after poll shows the public now vastly favors it over the robin. Why? They cite these reasons:

- Unlike the robin, the chickadee is with us year-round; toughing out our winters like true Michiganders.

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### Committee projects 1.45 mills needed for 24-hour patrol, jail

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

After listening to a presentation that reviewed the budget and personnel status of the Crawford County Sheriff Department, a group of citizens agreed a millage proposal to increase funding to the department should go before the voters.

The 45-minute presentation was made last Thursday evening at the County Building to an audience of about 20 citizens who came to hear reasons why a five-year millage is necessary to restore 24-hour road patrol and increase staffing at the county jail.

After the numbers came under examination by County Treasurer Joe Wakeley, County Controller Paul Compo and auditor Marvin Henderson, it was agreed the original estimate of a 1.25 mill proposal fell short of what will be needed over the next five years to hire and maintain three more patrol officers and two more corrections officers. A 1.45 mill levy was found to be the correct answer to relief current budget constraints. County officials added that if county revenues increase due to additional businesses coming into the Industrial Park, the levied amount could fall below the 1.45 projected and ballot language would reflect the levy can go no higher.

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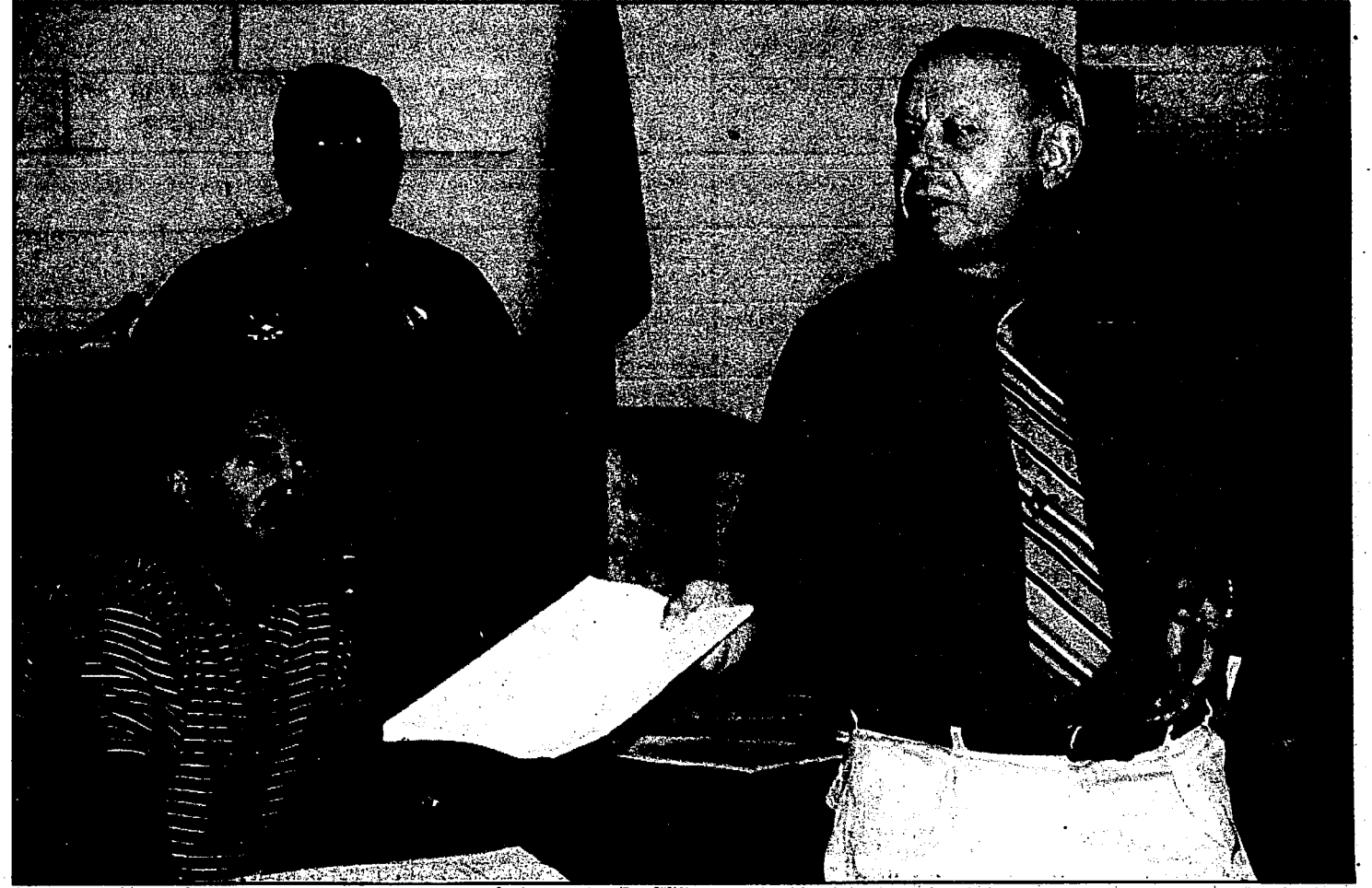


Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Crawford County District #1 Commissioner Harold "Tike" Golnick, who also serves as Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, asks the more than 20 people gathered at a public meeting last Thursday whether they think a millage proposal to bring back 24-hour road patrol and properly staff the county jail should be put before voters. Shown seated is Detective Rich Meyer with Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely standing behind him.

### Don't miss Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!



Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt at Hanson Hills on Saturday, April 14.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. During the breakfast, GRA will raffle off Easter baskets filled with candy and toys, a basket with a complete Easter Dinner, as well as a Titan scooter. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be available for \$3 each or two for \$5.

After breakfast, at approximately 11 a.m., GRA will start the Egg Hunt. It is GRA's hope that each child will find and go home with an egg of their own, leaving no one out of the fun. Children will be separated into age groups and parents are asked to help supervise the hunt.

For more information about this event and others hosted by GRA, call 348-9266.

### 'GIVE YOUR TOOTSIE A TOOTSIE' AND HELP THE HANDICAPPED



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

The Grayling Knights of Columbus were out on the streets of Grayling last week holding their annual Tootsie Roll sale. Proceeds from the fund-raising campaign go toward paying the expenses of programs to help mentally handicapped citizens, young and old. Caught here in action at the corner of Michigan Avenue and the I-75 Business Loop (James Street) is Knights of Columbus member Bill Nielson who braved the cool, gray weather last Friday to help with the fund-raising.

### One sentenced, one pleads in football field turfing case

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two suspects connected to last year's football field turfing case appeared before Chief Judge Alton T. Davis in 46th Circuit Court on April 2.

Three suspects were arrested last June for driving on and damaging the Grayling High School football field and surrounding running track. Gates to the field were also damaged.

Damage was originally estimated at \$29,000, but costs were reduced when school officials decided to repair the track instead of considering replacement. Costs for repair of the track were estimated at \$3,000 to \$4,000 by Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss. School maintenance workers repaired the damaged football field for about \$5,000.

Jeremy Michael Tuck was sentenced by Judge Davis to 180 days in jail. Davis ordered Tuck to serve 30 days, lodged him in the Kalkaska County Jail and has allowed him to remain employed as part of a work release program. The remainder of his sentence will

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-Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

# Fund-raiser helps everyone in an emergency

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

When a medical emergency arises, we sometimes find ourselves at a loss when medical history questions arise about ourselves, a loved one, or a neighbor. The Lovells Township Fire Department is offering a way to preserve this important information in case of an emergency while raising much needed funds for its volunteer services.

Working together with Mobile Medical Response (MMR), the fire department is acting as a distributor of the system. Lovells Fire Department will receive a small profit from the sale of each kit which will be used to help pay for medical supplies, emergency equipment and help fund the annual Lovells Bridge Walk. Lovells Emergency Medical Technician Barbara Loar said her department hopes to sell enough kits to allow it to make a donation back to MMR as thanks for serving as a main distributor of the kits in the county.

Medic MIC (Medical Information Container) is a system endorsed by medical directors and EMS responders throughout the United States and its easy 1-2-3 method helps ensure fast, proper treatment when a medical emergency arises.

For only \$7.50, the purchaser of the Medic MIC system receives a kit containing two containers to store information, triplicate medical information form, a refrigerator magnet, and a tag for the owner's key chain.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Lovells Township Fire Department is raising money for its needs while providing a worthwhile product for members of the community -- a way to provide a patient's medical history to emergency personnel. See the story below for details.

Here is how it works:

1) Fill out the triplicate medical history form. Don't forget to list current medications being taken, including over-the-counter medications. (Update the list when necessary.)

2) Fold the top sheet and place inside a Medic MIC container, seal, and place in refrigerator door. Place the magnet on the outside of your refrigerator -- identifying you as a

participant in the Medic MIC program. Emergency personnel will be looking for the magnet.

3) Place the second sheet in the remaining container and put in the glove compartment of your car, truck or van. Place the Medic MIC key tag on your key chain.

4) Fold the third sheet of the medical history form and place it behind your driver's license in your wallet or purse.

Anyone in Crawford County and beyond may buy a Medic MIC kit. "The information provided by the kit helps expedite treatment when someone is found alone and/or unconscious," Loar said.

To order a Medic MIC kit, call Loar at 348-8942 or MMR at 344-9818. With Mother's Day just a month away and Father's Day not too far behind, the Medic MIC would make a thoughtful gift.

## Committee projects 1.45 mills needed for 24-hour patrol, jail

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Interaction with the audience varied from questions concern existing coverage and what to expect from the partnership with the Michigan State Police Post in Houghton Lake to Sheriff's Deputies requesting the ballot language specifically state there will be no reduction in the existing Sheriff's budget that may affect the livelihood of current members of the department.

"We know what happened before," said Deputy Tom Coors, referring to lay-offs of a few years

ago when, according to Henderson, Crawford County had only \$28 remaining in its General Revenue Fund.

Crawford County District #5 Commissioner Beth Wieland explained to Coors she isn't sure if such language is allowed on the ballot, but she agreed with Law Enforcement Committee Chair Harold "Tike" Golnick, if the language can contain the wording deputies are looking for, the County Board will be happy to write it that way.

Golnick said the County Board's main concern is public safety and a properly manned jail.

"We are very anxious to restore 24-hour road patrol to the citizens of this county and would like to hire additional corrections officers to alleviate the burn out being experienced by the jailers due to being short-handed. We will continue to look for ways to accomplish this and we would like to have the voters consider a proposal this August," Golnick said.

Henderson pointed out that even

though property values are on the rise, the county will continue to lose revenue due to the Headlee Amendment during the next five years.

He said this millage proposal would make up the difference and help the Sheriff Department.

For homeowners whose property holds a taxable value of \$50,000 an increase of a little more than \$6 per month in taxes would be realized. The millage, if passed, would be renewable by the voters in five years.

## One sentenced, one pleads in turfing case

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Tuck was ordered to pay a \$250 fine, \$250 in court costs, \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$350 in attorney fees and placed on 24 months probation.

Casey Jo Helsel plead guilty to malicious destruction of property over \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 in exchange for two other such charges being dropped. Helsel is expected to be sentenced in May.

Restitution in the case has not yet

been ordered, but hearing is expected to be scheduled after all three men have had their days in court. The hearing will determine the amount due the Crawford AuSable School District by each suspect.

The malicious destruction of property case of the third suspect, James Bruce Babbitt, remains in 83rd District Court. A preliminary examination originally scheduled

for February 20 was adjourned for 60 days as Babbitt opted to waive his right to a speedy trial. His preliminary examination is now set for April 17.

Babbitt is also expected in court the same day on an unrelated incident where he was charged with driving under the influence of liquor. In that case, a jury trial has been scheduled for May 4.

## MDOT's 5-year plan includes projects on I-75, M-72

The Michigan Department of Transportation's recently-released 5-Year Road & Bridge Program (2001-2005) includes projects on I-75 and M-72 in Crawford County.

According to the 5-year plan, MDOT plans to have about six miles of I-75 (from the south Crawford County line to US-27) resurfaced in 2002.

A section of I-75 from M-18 to

the Crawford/Roscommon County line in Roscommon County, about 4.6 miles of expressway, is slated for resurfacing this year.

Additional passing lanes are scheduled to be installed on M-72 from the west M-93 junction to Old Lake Road in Crawford County in the year 2003. The project involves just over one-half of a mile of M-72 West.

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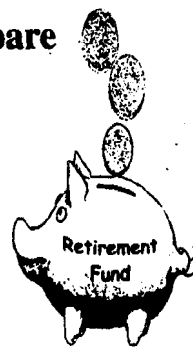
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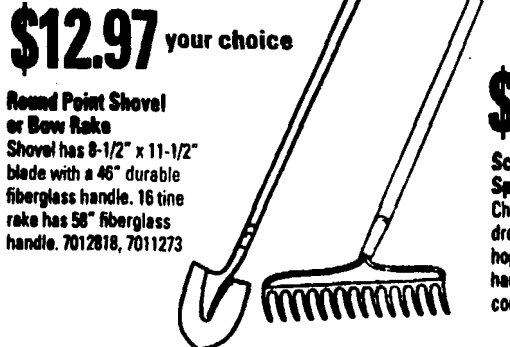
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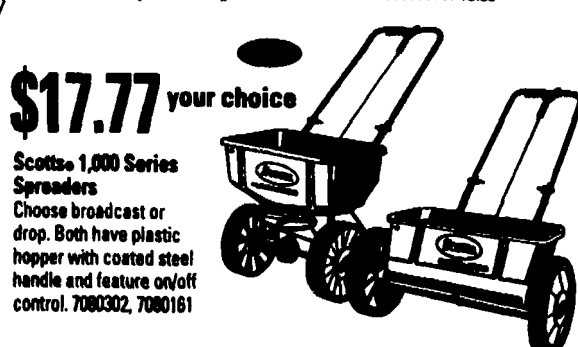
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## Nine years of service recognized

Crawford County Planning Commission Chairman Jack Mahank (center left) congratulates Bill Coy on a job well done while presenting him with a plaque recognizing him for nine years of service to the commission and three to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Coy reluctantly said good-bye at the Planning Commission's January meeting as he has fulfilled his term limits. Mahank and Coy are joined in the picture by Building and Zoning Director Joe Duran (left) and District #6 Commissioner Terry Beardslee (right), both Planning Commission members.



## The Diary of Anne Frank opens next week

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A cast of 12 Grayling High School students will present the touching and tragic tale of a young Jewish girl whose family, along with other Jews, are secreted away for protection from the World War II Nazi takeover in Holland.

The GHS Players drama group will offer their production of newly adapted *The Diary of Anne Frank*, first produced on Broadway at the Music Box Theatre in December 1997. The play runs from Thursday, April 19 through Saturday, April 21, with performances nightly at 7 p.m.

in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

Cast is as follows:

Anne Frank - Rachel Ramaswamy  
Otto Frank (Father) - Joe Pilon  
Edith Frank (Mother) - Heidi Niederer  
Margot Frank (Sister) - Gina Rosi  
Peter Van Daan - John McNamara  
Mrs. Van Daan - Jessica Holzbauer  
Mr. Van Daan - Jason Glicker  
Mr. Dussel - Todd Gaffke  
Miep Gies - Nickole Hatley  
Mr. Kraler - Chris Peters  
Extras - Alexis Summer, Nick Newkirk, Chris Peters  
Student Director - Lindsey Knapp  
Student Technical Director -

Michelle Stepp

Stage Crew - Jenna Bugyi, Chris Bass, Alisha Wargo, Kristi Wargo, Shane Ferrell, Charlie McNamara, Amanda Boone, Becky Hunt, and Meaghan Corwin.

This GHS Players production is under the adult guidance of Director Andrea Binert and Technical Director Mark Binert.

This will be the final high school performance for many of the cast and crew members who have become familiar to patrons of GHS Player productions. Graduating this year are Joe Pilon, Heidi Niederer, John McNamara, Jessica Holzbauer,

Chris Peters, Lindsey Knapp, Michelle Stepp and Becky Hunt.

Tickets for *The Diary of Anne Frank* are \$3 for students and senior citizens; \$4 for adults and will be available at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the curtain goes up at 7 p.m.

A special matinee performance is scheduled for eighth grade Grayling Middle School students who are currently studying the Holocaust.

## GHS band member headed to Europe

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School junior and Viking Band member, Jenna Bugyi, will be one of 400 select student and adult musicians, singers and dancers to travel to Europe this summer as members of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's International Exchange Program.

Six groups -- five made up of students and an adult community band -- will present concerts in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg and Sweden during June and July. Each group will tour separately while in Europe.

Bugyi, a flutist, will be touring as a member of a 95-member symphony band, under the direction of Dave Bass, a retired Rockford band director, adjudicator and clinician. Bass, who lives in Irons, is Blue Lake's Scholarship Director.

While Bugyi has received funding for her trip to Europe from various local service organizations, she is still in need of some financial aid. (Each Blue Lake exchange participant must raise money for the trip.) Anyone wishing to help may send a check or money order to: Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, 300 E. Crystal Lake Road, Twin Lake, Michigan 49457-9592. Be sure to specify your donation is to help Jenna Bugyi finance her European tour.

Jenna is the daughter of John "Jack" and Michele Bugyi of Grayling.



Jenna Bugyi

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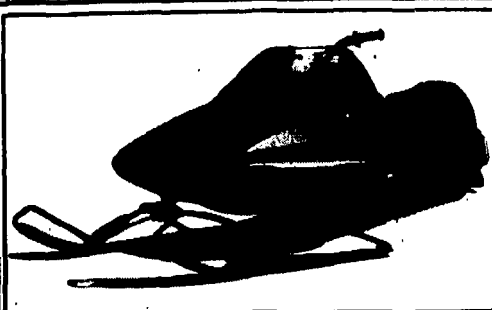
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# National monument to Ronald Reagan? Not yet

RONALD REAGAN was a popular president, winning election twice in convincing manner.

He's been out of office now for more than 12 years, and many of his most loyal admirers keep pushing for ways to honor his memory, even though he's still alive.

First was the suggestion that his face be carved on Mt. Rushmore, joining George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt.

Not many Americans saluted that flag as it ran up the flagpole, so the idea died of its own weight, as it should.

His fans, however, succeeded in renaming Washington's National Airport in his honor, and a new government office building on Pennsylvania Avenue will be the Reagan Building.

MORE LATELY, a push has developed to construct a Ronald Reagan Memorial on the National Mall between the White House and the Lincoln Memorial.

This move is despite an existing law requiring a 25-year waiting period to get a monument in Washington, and Mr. Reagan, does not qualify yet.

New monuments along the National Mall are planned for World War II veterans, and for Martin Luther King, Jr. Monuments for Korean Veterans, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and even the Vietnam Wall are of rather recent vintage, as monuments go.

It's getting downright crowded down Monument Lane.

The verdict is still out on whether Mr. Reagan was a president of monument caliber anyway. History eventually will decide.

Although modern disciples of the Reagan Revolution would disagree, most rankings of presidents by historians usually tab Mr. Reagan as a mediocre president at best.

He was a wonderful speaker, an outstanding communicator, with a flare for dramatic showmanship. But was he a great president? It's often debated.

AS PRESIDENT, Mr. Reagan continually called for smaller government and less government spending. Yet he accomplished neither in Washington. Years earlier, he had used the same platform as Governor of California, but when he left Sacramento state deficits were higher and government was no smaller.

Mr. Reagan usually is cited for greatness due to the end of the Cold War. Indeed, he did challenge Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down that wall," and he was consistent if perhaps hyperbolic in condemning "the evil empire."

A case can be made that inexorable world developments centered on economic matters had more to do with the collapse of the communist empire than anything Mr. Reagan said or did. Again, history will judge.

In any event, the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, after Mr. Reagan went back home to California. If ending the cold war is his primary claim to monumental fame, then

shouldn't any national memorial to that effect give equal recognition to his successor, President George Bush, who was actually in charge when the Berlin Wall came down?

PERHAPS AS TIME goes on, Mr. Reagan's tenure in the white House will be viewed as outstanding by a wider audience than strict Reagan partisans. It could happen.

More practical than yet another monument in Washington might be for Congress to memorialize Mr. Reagan by placing his likeness on a one dollar coin.

We have a dime with the likeness of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and a half dollar for John F. Kennedy.

A Reagan dollar might be just the thing.

The U.S. Treasury department and the mint keep trying to get Americans to use a dollar coin in everyday commerce. Coins are cheaper and last longer than paper money, they claim. But most ordinary folks

find them too cumbersome and heavy for daily trading.

The Susan B. Anthony dollar coin flopped, partly because it was about the size of a quarter.

More recently, a gold dollar coin with the image of Sacajawea, the native American woman who helped open the northwest with the Lewis and Clark expedition, was issued. It's an attractive coin, but it too has flopped as a trading device... at least so far.

Maybe a dollar coin with the Reagan likeness would satisfy his fans and induce more people to carry their hero in their purses and pockets, and thus introduce a metal dollar into the daily marketplace.

It might be worth a try... say, in another 25 years or so.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Public needs answers on planned tree cutting

To the editor,

Last evening (April 2) my husband and I attended a public hearing hosted by our local Department of Natural Resources. The meeting room at Grayling Township was packed with concerned citizens. We all intently listened to a presentation on Forest Management. We heard about forest regeneration, creating habitat for game and concerns about increased deer herd activity.

We were reminded that we all consume wood products and need to remember how they are provided. The presentation was well executed and easy to understand, but it did not answer the community's concerns on how tree cutting would affect property values.

Many of us waited and waited for the public portion of the program. We were assured at the beginning of the meeting our com-

ments would be heard and recorded. Many of us were denied this opportunity.

When tree cutting is planned this close to neighborhoods and abuts the very entrance corridor to our business loop, we are concerned. When deer herds start destroying our yards, gardens and trees, we need to know why.

We have had many hard winters over the years, but never have we had as much damage to our yard as we have had this year and we are closer to town than the tree cutting site. How can we regenerate new forests if the deer eat all the new sprouts?

We need answers to the concerns expressed by the taxpayers of Crawford County.

Lynnette Corlew  
Grayling

## Heart warmed by ex-abuser's poignant letter

To the editor,

My name is Deanna and I would like to respond to the letter written by Jeremiah.

It warmed my heart to hear from an ex-abuser who has changed his ways and knows how to say I'm sorry.

For I have been with two men who were abusive, and still are, and have no intention of accepting their guilt and saying I'm sorry; leaving

me still prone to the abuse and terrified to live my life and maybe try again, because I'm afraid I'll pick the same type of man again.

Maybe through my counseling and your letter it will help me to find a wonderful man like you.

God Bless and thank you, from someone who is and has been abused.

Deanna McIntyre  
Grayling

## New shelter manager speaks out

To the editor,

This is in reply to Mr. Denton's remark about me at the March Animal Shelter (board) meeting. I had said it is hard to give Cheryl at the *Avalanche* the true age (of animals) and where they were found when some dogs were there before I started working at the Animal Shelter as Manager. I know the disposition of the puppies and large dogs there -- if they're good with people or other dogs. I have my own grandchildren coming and playing with the puppies and some of the older dogs for interaction with kids.

I take care of all these dogs and cats as if they were my own. If any one of them have the slightest indication of being ill they go directly to the vet. I have taken a lot of puppies home that needed extra care until they were strong enough to make it in the living quarters with the other puppies. So, don't go writing about me unless you get the facts straight.

At the end of this controversy that is going on, whoever gets the position of manager, be it Dixie (Lobsinger) or me, the animals will always come first with her or me. I will make sure that records about animals will be available because it is hard to know everything about the animals, be it dogs or cats, without proper information.

People of Grayling, let me do my job and don't be so quick to condemn me unless you know the truth. People have a tendency to change the stories around and I have heard several of them where details were added and were exaggerated that were not true.

Please leave me and the shelter out of fire with your problems with the board. I am not the board and don't want to be. I don't even know what any of the facts are about the lawsuit or anything else that has to do with Dixie. I am here to take care of the animals if its for a long time or short time. I am doing my best. Dixie did do a good job and a lot of things for the shelter and now I am trying to do some of these things or at least keep some of them doing the best I can. I have a long way to go because I have to start from scratch without help.

I understand some of you have hard feelings of Dixie not being here anymore, but I had and have no control over that. The board members are the ones who should be directed with questions and problems, not me. I am just a person who is there for the animals, and not for the board.

Pat Schiller  
Manager of the Crawford  
County Animal Shelter  
Grayling

## Shelter 'board' reasons unclear, using lawsuit as excuse

To the editor,

I would like to express my opinions on the ongoing problems at the Animal Shelter.

I do not believe that our township should be expected to provide additional funding since they are already receiving county funds. I further believe that the so-called "board" is well on its way to bankrupting and closing the shelter.

Anyone that has sat in at their meetings knows this because it is very clear. Their reasons are the only things that aren't clear and that is because they refuse to answer any questions using the pending lawsuit as their excuse for anything they want to keep to themselves. I have found that when people refuse to answer simple questions they always have something to hide. When asked anything, they become defensive and extremely rude.

The fact is that Dr. David Forbush, DVM, gave the shelter high marks for November 2000 as was stated in the *Avalanche*. I don't believe the animals know or care that the shelter has now been painted and spruced up. The "board" stated that making it more appealing to persons wanting to adopt will make a big difference. How did Dixie (Lobsinger) manage all the years that she ran the shelter and no "board" member would help her by lifting a paint brush? It is clear that this "board"

doesn't care about putting the animals first, only trying to find more money to squander.

When Dixie was at the shelter it was totally voluntary. Now they have hired two persons at approximately \$23,319 annually. Where does that fit into the picture that they are going broke?

The "board" has ordered pink and blue collars for the new director to tell the sexes of the animals. Do we really need someone in that position that needs a colored collar to tell the difference?

The "board" voted (one "no" vote) to purchase a computer program to keep data on each of the animals, such as breed, temperament, etc. They don't have a computer to put it on. \$200. More wasted.

The "board" is complaining that other county shelters have a lot more money to work with. Maybe they would like to relocate and help them out.

Please, don't believe me; just go to the meetings yourself and see what is happening. You will be amazed.

Wake up, folks... I only hope that the volunteers are still willing to help when this mess is finally straightened out. Hopefully, it will be sooner than later.

Deanne Whiteside  
Beaver Creek Township

## Stoddard deserves recognition from township

To the Frederic Township Board

We would like the Frederic Township Board to know, we the friends and family of retired 20 year Frederic Township Constable Charles E. Stoddard are proud of Chuck for his years of dedicated service to our friends, family and community.

Chuck isn't one to toot his own horn or say much about things like this, but we feel something should be said. For 20 years Chuck was voted into the Constable position by the people for the people. Yes, it was his job, and yes, he did get paid; but, it wasn't much, not for the job he did and the risks he took.

He gave Frederic Township and

all the people who live and visit 20 years of dedicated service, patrolling the streets, answering complaints, working accident scenes, helping with school parades, activities and more.

It wasn't just a job or a title for him, it was his duty and pleasure to serve his community and do his very best to keep people and property safe and secure. Mostly, it was his heart and his way; it wasn't and shouldn't be just a job to care for people and Township. It was and is his concern, friendship, loyalty and pride in his community.

Also, take notice Frederic Township Board Members - we would like to say we're proud to

mention the Frederic Volunteer Fire Department, the Crawford County Sheriff Department, the Crawford County Commissioners and all their faithful members for showing Chuck their appreciation for his years of dedicated service with the wonderful plaques you presented to him.

He didn't expect those plaques from anyone, but it sure is nice to see him smile and hear him tell of the kind words the people said to him as he points to the plaques of appreciation on his wall.

There is an empty spot and it's in our hearts. It is very sad after living in Frederic for over 30 years and serving his community, his friends, family, Frederic Township, Frederic Township Board and its members. For most of those years, he gets no recognition at all from the Township

in which he served. We still see Chuck driving our streets making sure all is fine.

Where is our current Constable? It seems the Frederic Township Board doesn't care about what Chuck has done and still does with or without the title of Constable.

I guess he doesn't have the right last name to get the recognition he deserves.

We apologize, Chuck, for our Township Board for not giving you the recognition you deserve for your caring dedicated 20 years of service to our community.

We're proud of you Constable Chuck

Community friends and family,  
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# BRIEFS

## Band Boosters meeting planned

The Viking Band Boosters will meet Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School. All band parents are welcome.

## Auxiliary members to nominate officers

Nominations for members of the Grayling Eagles Ladies' Auxiliary 3465: Nominations for new officers will be held this Thursday, April 19 at the regular meeting starting at 7 p.m. Members should be present to accept nominations or send a written letter accepting nomination.

## Help Center open on Good Friday

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, a local food pantry located on Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling, will be open for regular hours, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Good Friday.

## Veterans' rep available in Grayling

Arthur C. Bates, Assistant State Service Officer for the Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is available to assist veterans in their job search at the Grayling Michigan Works! office each Friday in April from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 348-8709.

## County Republicans meeting planned

The Crawford County Republicans will meet Monday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the county building to discuss details of and finalize plans for this year's Lincoln Day Dinner scheduled for Saturday, May 12. For more information, call Chairman Randy Black at 348-4353.

## Learn about stop smoking program

The Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking begins Sunday, April 29 at Grayling Mercy Hospital. There is no charge to attend the introductory meeting on April 29, however, cost to attend the remaining eight evenings of the smoking cessation program costs \$35 per person, including all class materials. Each evening session runs from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This program has helped over 25 million smokers kick the habit. Space is limited to the first 20 participants. Register by calling the Breathe Free Hotline at 1-800-543-3865.

## St. John Ladies plan card party lunch

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will be holding a luncheon card party on Wednesday, April 18 in their fellowship room beginning at 12 noon and card games to follow. Everyone is welcome to come and bring their friends. For more information, call Dorothy McLeod at 348-9169.

## Pictionary Olympics fast approaching

The 14th Annual Pictionary Olympics, sponsored by the Grayling Parade Committee, is almost here. The games will be held Friday, April 20 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street in Grayling. Teams of four members each may enter the competition that will benefit the 2001 AuSable River Festival Parade. Sponsor fee per team is a \$60 donation and contestants should come dressed in T-shirts representing their business or family group. There is a limit of 25 teams. Trophies and local publicity will be awarded to the winners. A \$2 admission fee will be charged for those who wish to attend and cheer their favorite team to victory. To register your team or for more information, call Debbie Zelek at 348-8757 or 348-8706.

## Youth Booster raffle winners drawn

The winners of \$25 each from the April 8 Grayling Youth Booster Club's weekly drawing are: Bob Cinciala, Mark Millikin, and Ginger Reichelderfer.

## Shelter to participate in 'Bark in the Park'

The Board of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County is hoping to take lots of dogs and cats to the Detroit Zoo for the annual "Bark in the Park" pet adoption event on April 28 and 29. Anyone who would like to help with preparations or the actual event should call Connie Swander at 348-2388.

## Higgins Chamber to host Egg Hunt

The Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Roscommon Co-Op Nursery will host its first annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the CRAF Center lawn in downtown Roscommon. Hunts will be broken down into the following age groups: ages one to four from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; ages five to eight from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; and ages nine to 12 from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a limit of 10 eggs per child; bring your own basket or bag. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for \$3 or two for \$5. Refreshments, balloons and tattoos (temporary) will be available. The Whopper Hopper will be there and free Bike Safety Courses will be set up, so kids should bring their bikes. For more information, call the Higgins-Roscommon Chamber at (517) 275-8760.

## Caregiving teleconference scheduled

Mercy Amicare Hospice will host the eighth annual Living with Grief Teleconference, "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses" at Grayling Mercy Hospital on Wednesday, April 18 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they face the challenges of caregiving, make end-of-life decisions, and cope with grief. It is intended for both health care professionals and others who work with family caregivers and are interested in their special needs. Seating is limited. For more information or to make reservations, call Sherry Haag at 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

## Mobile Dental Unit to visit schools

The Mobile Dental Unit will be visiting the Crawford AuSable Schools on the following dates: May 14-15 at Grayling Elementary; May 16-17 at AuSable Primary School; May 18 at Grayling Middle School; and May 21 at Frederic Elementary. Parents must complete an authorization form prior to their child receiving services. Forms are available at the schools and the Crawford County FIA (Family Independence Agency) office. Children must be under the age of 15 to receive dental services. For more information, call your school or FIA office. The Mobile Dental Unit services are made possible by the Strong Families/Safe Children Committee.

## Internet marketing workshop offered

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, MSU Cooperative Extension, and the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring an Internet Marketing Workshop on Wednesday, April 25 at Shoppenagon's Inn in Grayling. Registration is \$20 per person and includes lunch and notebook. The workshop will be presented by a team consisting of Michigan State University resources, Commercial WEB service providers and local businesses utilizing e-commerce. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., workshop begins at 10 a.m. and concludes around 3 p.m. To pre-register, mail, fax, or email information to: MSU Extension, County Building, P.O. Box 507, Roscommon, MI 48653; fax - (517) 275-8864; phone (517) 275-5043; email: roscommo@msue.msu.edu.

## Mercy offers free program to honor and support caregivers

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice is offering a program to the community titled, "All You Need is Love" (and a lot of resources, patience, self care and support). The program is designed to honor and provide support to area caregivers.

Caregivers will receive information on stress management, self care issues including: understanding roles, stress management, and emotional well-being as well as resources in our area for financial advice, legal issues, respite care, support groups, health care and more.

Are you taking care of an elderly loved one and feel that you need help? Are you physically and emotionally exhausted? Do you have questions about planning for the

future and decisions that need to be made now from a financial and legal perspective? Do you need resources and recognition? This month, take care of yourself, as well as your loved one or patient by attending one of the following programs:

- April 19: at Shoppenagon's Inn in Grayling, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- April 23: at the Fifth Street Grill in Roscommon, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- April 24: at Coyle's Restaurant in Houghton Lake, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

There is no cost to attend the program; however, registration is required by calling (517) 348-0708. Be a friend by bringing a friend in need.

## Ducks Unlimited chapter plans annual membership banquet

The local chapter of Ducks Unlimited is currently planning their annual banquet, 2001 Ducks Unlimited Membership Dinner, to be held at Shoppenagon's Inn in Grayling on Saturday, April 21.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person or \$75 per couple and includes annual membership dues to Ducks Unlimited (with magazine subscription), an attendance prize, a chance to win door prizes, and the buffet dinner.

Several special packages are offered this year, including the "Big Spenders Club," and the various general raffle ticket packages.

Cocktails and registration begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. There will be an auction, a silent auction, and "interesting" raffles. An Early Bird Drawing for those who purchased tickets by April 7; one winner will receive a limited edition Ducks Unlimited framed print and one winner will receive \$50 in raffle tickets.

For more information on ticket packages and the 2001 Ducks Unlimited Membership Dinner, call Rick Nash at 705-7253, Karen Casler at 348-8823 (evenings) or John McDonald at 348-4743 (evenings).

## Stupak schedules town meetings

Rep. Bart Stupak, (D-Menominee) will hold an evening town meeting in Cheboygan on Tuesday, April 17, and a morning town meeting in Alpena on Thursday, April 19.

The Cheboygan meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the commissioner's board room of the Cheboygan County Courthouse, 870 South Main Street.

The meeting in Alpena will be

held from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Room 106 of the Conference Center, Alpena Community College, 666 Johnson Street.

"Town meetings are one of the most important ways for me to keep abreast of the thinking and concerns of the people of the 1st Congressional District on these and other issues," Stupak said. "I encourage everyone in the area to attend."

Stupak held town meetings earlier this year in Traverse City, Petoskey, Gwinn, Ironwood and Sault Ste. Marie.

## Two educational offerings made by northern health center

The Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center in Petoskey is offering a class on natural therapeutics and a healthy relationship workshop beginning next week.

Jo Thomas, MSW, a social worker and a massage therapist will present a class on natural therapeutics that people can use to enhance their mental, physical and spiritual well being. The class will be held on Wednesday, April 18, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Participants will learn about the benefits of fresh air, laughter, hydrotherapy and simple diet changes. Information about how seasonal changes affect the body will also be given.

Second, a five-week seminar focusing on building and maintaining healthy relationships and marriages will be held on Mondays, beginning April 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night.

This seminar will address relational and marital communication and will touch on topics that include communication enhancement, listening, understanding and accepting, values and boundaries, and working together in problem solving situations. Other topics will also be covered. The program is designed for couples only.

There is a \$65 fee for the five-week seminar, which includes course materials.

Registration is necessary for both the therapeutic class and relationship five-week program. For more information or to register, call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777.

The Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center is located at 360 Connable in Petoskey, across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital. The Center is part of the outreach efforts of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Gun Rights

Paul Harvey's Commentary gives many practical quotes for a historical defense of gun ownership: "Thousands of years of governments killing people. Eventually, some people figured out a way to create a balance such that this could not happen again. And for hundreds of years it worked. But then, people decided it would be a good idea if society rid itself of the balance, because there was some inherent danger. Hmmm?"

"CONSIDER THIS... In 1929 the Soviet Union established gun control. >From 1929 to 1953, approximately 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915-1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. Germany established gun control in 1938. From 1939 to 1945, 13 million Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, the mentally ill, and others, who were unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated."

"China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and

exterminated. Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated. Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million "educated" people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated."

"That places total victims who lost their lives because of gun control at approximately 56 million in the last century. Since we should learn from the mistakes of history, the next time someone talks in favor of gun control, find out which group of citizens they wish to have exterminated."

"It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed, a program costing the government more than \$500 million dollars. The results Australia-wide: Homicides are up 3.2%, Assaults are up 8%, and Armed robberies are up 44%. In that country's state of Victoria, homicides with firearms are UP 300% ! Over the previous 25

years, figures show a steady decrease in armed robberies and Australian politicians are on the spot and at a loss to explain how no improvement in "safety" has been observed after such monumental effort and expense was successfully expended in "ridding society of guns." Paul Harvey concluded, "It's time to state it plainly; Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws only affect the law-abiding citizens."

No wonder Jesus Christ told his disciples in Luke 22:36: "...he that hath no sword let him sell his garment, and buy one." Personal weapons are scriptural and constitutional. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html> We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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## Diocese announces support of G.R.A.C.E.

► Annual \$10,000 donation to center now part of Diocese ongoing budget

The Northern Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan has made a generous commitment to the welfare of this community by assuring their continued financial support of the G.R.A.C.E. Center.

Bill Donaldson, a former member of the G.R.A.C.E. Center Board of Directors, noted donations of \$10,000 over the past several years and encouraged the Northern Convocation to make the amount a "line item" in their ongoing budget. This important agreement guarantees residents of this area access to important services for many years

to come.

The G.R.A.C.E. Center is a non-profit agency affiliated with the St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling. It was established in 1987 with a mission of healing lives. Since that time, it has expanded its capabilities in a variety of meaningful ways.

Because we live in complicated times, the professional staff at G.R.A.C.E. offers educational programs designed to prevent problems before they occur. When life's challenges do arise, they have the experience to assist children, adults, couples, and entire families in dealing with problems ranging from depression and trauma to divorce and child custody.

Substance abuse can affect the young, the old and anyone in between. The G.R.A.C.E. Center offers alcohol/drug prevention, screening, evaluation and treatment assistance one-on-one, or within a group setting.

They provide Alcohol Highway Safety Education Classes. They are qualified to conduct evaluations for individuals looking to resolve legal situations, return to their jobs, or have drivers' licenses reinstated. Violence is another recurring

theme in society today. The staff at G.R.A.C.E. Center is experienced in teaching individuals and groups how to manage conflict in productive ways.

The success of local businesses is crucial to the development of this area as a whole. The center's staff is equipped to help organizations develop more effective motivational, human relations, team building and leadership skills.

Besides the financial commitment by the Northern Convocation, client fees help keep the Center's doors open; but for the most part, it's dependent upon the donations of individuals, businesses, religious organizations, state/federal agencies, local organizations, and private/corporate foundations.

The G.R.A.C.E. Center is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and is licensed by the State of Michigan.

Staff members are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or evenings by appointment. G.R.A.C.E. Center is located on M-72 West, one mile west of the North I-75 Business Loop in Grayling and can be reached at (517) 348-2544.

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### Symbols of Salvation



In the days before Easter, many of us shop for new clothes which we wear on Easter Sunday. Have you ever wondered why?

Easter is always in the springtime when flowers bloom anew and robins raise their new chicks. Is this a coincidence?

No, this is no coincidence, for it is the time we celebrate renewal of life...Jesus rising from the grave...His rebirth and Ascension into Heaven. 1 Peter 1:3 assures us, "By His [God's] great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Yes, Jesus paid the price for our sins when He was crucified on the cross so that we might start anew. 1 Corinthians 5:17 explains, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."

This Easter Sabbath, let us praise God for the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, and may we dedicate our lives anew in service to the Lord. Best wishes for a beautiful Easter day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke 24:1-12	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:36-53	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-34	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	1 Peter 1:1-12

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**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 517-275-1061  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East

(1st building on right inside camp entrance)  
**Church Service**  
Saturday ..... 9:30 am  
Sabbath School  
Saturday ..... 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class ..... 7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President George D. Rasin  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament ..... 10 am  
Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Primary ..... 11 am  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Pastor Wayne Knockel  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastors Lacey and Carol Stephan  
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Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
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Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 8:00 am  
Family Mass ..... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays)..... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses ..... 8:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays ..... 8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Resurrection Life Church**  
Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
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Sunday Services ..... 11:00 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer &  
Awana Club (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
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TV 29 & 8 ..... 9 am  
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Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Sunday Service ..... 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday  
Worship ..... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St.  
348-5325  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday  
Worship ..... 11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Colby  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling  
348-2557

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Worship Service ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Chapel Service ..... 11 am  
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Prayer Meeting ..... 7-8 pm

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Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

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Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

**Westminster-By-The-Lake**  
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Sunday Outdoor  
Chapel Worship ..... 11 am



## Agricultural opportunities await American Indians

### ► USDA offers funds, advice for environmental improvements

Honoring and protecting Mother Earth is an American Indian cultural tradition. American Indians teach about protecting and providing for seven generations to come. Having clean water and air, and healthy plants and animals to sustain all life are in the teachings of the American Indians.

American Indians have a unique opportunity to make environmental improvements on their land with funds and natural resource management advice from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Twenty-six American Indian landowners and one tribe have already made environmental improvements to their property using this assistance.

The American Indian Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is one method of providing environmental conservation assistance for American Indian landowners and leasees, as well as to federally recognized tribes. Natural resource specialists work with the landowners individually to develop a plan for environmental improvement on their land.

Environmental improvements may include reducing soil erosion, improving water quality, creating wildlife habitat or creating and/or improving wetlands. Applying practices, such as installing erosion control structures or planting a field for wildlife habitat makes these improvements. A list of practices

that the landowner can receive funding and advice for is available at the NRCS Office in the county USDA Service Center.

In general, any type of environmental problem involving eroding soil and destructive impacts on water quality on your property are eligible for assistance. Projects such as tree and shrub planting, improving wetlands through restoration, construction or planting wild rice, and closing old water wells are a few types of projects that have been financed through EQIP.

To apply for assistance to manage your environmental problems you will develop a conservation plan with the natural resource specialist in your county and submit an application for financial assistance. Applications are ranked and selected for funding based on how much the environment will improve.

If you are selected to receive

assistance, you will enter into a contract with the USDA for a period of five to 10 years. The practices and plans for EQIP are to treat the land to a level where the land can be sustained for a longer period of time. An application for an EQIP contract is made at the USDA Service Center.

For more information on how you can help protect Mother Earth in Crawford, Roscommon, and Otsego Counties for now and generations to come, contact: Jacque S. Korn, Resource Conservationist, 800 Livingston Blvd., Suite 4A, Gaylord, MI 49735-8345; or phone (517) 732-6526, ext. 2.

You may also contact Glenn Lamberg, American Indian Liaison for Natural Resources Conservation Service in Michigan at (231) 924-2060, ext. 110; or email at: glenn.lamberg@mi.usda.gov.

## Conservation club applauds DEQ's Cadillac tire burning decision

Michigan United Conservation Clubs' (MUCC) affiliates Cadillac Sportsman's Club, Harrison Sportsman's Club and the Pere Marquette Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association helped protect Michigan's air and water quality through grass roots support in a Cadillac case that did not adequately prevent pollution from tire-derived fuel.

MUCC and their District 13 applaud the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) decision to deny a permit that would allow Cadillac Renewable Energy (CRE) to burn a maximum of 90 tons a day or 25,000 tons a year of tire-derived fuel. At issue was the

lack of controls placed on sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid emissions.

With approximately nine million scrap tires generated annually in the state, scrap tire disposal is a major concern. MUCC supports the burning of scrap tires as tire-derived fuel to offset the use of coal-fired electric generation facilities in Michigan that generate 64% of the state's sulfur dioxide emissions, 22% of its nitrogen oxide emissions and 48% of its mercury emissions. However, support of tire-derived fuel for production of electricity is contingent upon the implementation of pollution control technology and monitoring and reporting of emissions, including toxins and criteria air pol-

lutants.

"We commend the DEQ for taking this proactive step to help ensure the environmental quality of north-west Michigan remains intact," MUCC Executive Director Jim Goodheart exclaimed. "MUCC supports the burning of tire-derived fuel, but only when appropriate pollution control technologies prevent emissions from exceeding thresholds which pose threats to humans, fish and wildlife. The DEQ followed through on MUCC and public testimonies, determining adequate pollution prevention measures were not in place."

The burning of additional tire-derived fuel was estimated to

increase sulfur dioxide emissions from 0.6 tons per year (TPY) to 245 TPY. It was also estimated sulfuric acid emissions would increase from 0.0 TPY to 29.87 TPY. Cadillac Renewable Energy claimed the cost of placing wet scrubbers or line injectors on the plant to reduce sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid emissions was too prohibitive.

MUCC has nearly 100,000 members and over 500 affiliated clubs whose mission is uniting citizens to conserve Michigan's natural resources and protect our outdoor heritage. For more information, visit [www.mucc.org](http://www.mucc.org).

## Paying taxes with plastic will cost more

If you're part of the one-third of Americans who owe taxes, it may be tempting to pull out the plastic, charge what you owe and forget about it until next year. But watch out -- it could cost more than you think.

Using a credit card to pay your taxes could double or triple your tax

bill. People should do the math before charging their taxes.

The average balance due to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is about \$3,000. If you charge that amount and pay the monthly minimum, you'll pay \$6,629 in interest and it will take more than 30 years to pay off. That calculation uses an interest rate of 17 percent and a beginning monthly payment of \$62. The official IRS processing centers charge a 2.5 percent fee for credit card payments (\$75 in this example).

If you can't afford to pay all at once and don't want to charge your tax bill, there are a few options. You can set up a repayment plan through the IRS to pay down your taxes over time. The payment plan charges a \$43 setup fee along with 8% interest, plus a monthly penalty of 0.25 percent. Borrowing money from a bank or other lending institution can make financial sense by saving on interest

payments. Instead of credit card interest rates, which can top 25 percent, typical bank loans run about 8 to 10 percent.

Kidwell adds that you should only consider paying your taxes with a credit card if:

- You aren't certain you can keep up with a payment plan set up by the IRS. (If you are late on your payments, or miss a payment, the IRS may immediately begin collection activity against you. Because the IRS has greater powers in collecting debt than credit card companies, it might be smarter to owe a credit card company if you run into financial difficulties.)

- You will be able to pay off the debt quickly and you charge it to a card with a low introductory rate. (If you know you will be able to pay the debt within a few months, you may want to use a card with a low introductory rate and pay the bill as quickly as possible.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during April 11 through April 17:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafe firing conducted. April 11 - April 13: Commence firing, 6 a.m.; Cease-fire, 10 p.m. April 17: Commence firing, 6 a.m.; Cease-fire, 5 p.m.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of CR 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. New equipment training to commence on April 11 at 7 a.m.; cease training on April 13 at 7 p.m.

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## Grayling offers some real 'treasures'

Grayling is winning statewide acclaim from readers of AAA's *Michigan Living* magazine. In a nomination process in October, readers frequently chose Grayling attractions as the state's best bets for "Treasure Awards" -- an outstanding selection of favorite products, shops, restaurants, sports venues and other attractions. The magazine's April issue features the awards.

Hartwick Pines State Park won first place honors for picnic spots, Albie's topped the list for pasties, the AuSable River came in first for fishing spots, and Ray's Canoeing & The Fly Factory earned second place for canoe liveries.

*Michigan Living* magazine is distributed 10 times a year to the households of 1.1 million AAA Michigan members statewide. Publisher Jeff Gaydos said readers overwhelmingly responded when they were asked to name their favorites in this year's award categories.



Pasties from Albie's restaurant in Grayling are a state "treasure," according to readers of AAA's *Michigan Living* magazine. The pasties won first place honors in the magazine's "Treasure Awards" of the state's favorite restaurants, shops and attractions. The Grayling Albie's restaurant is the last of its kind in the Lower Peninsula.

## McManus announces district Census 2000 numbers

After months of gathering and analyzing figures, the U.S. Census Bureau released official population totals on March 28 for Michigan's counties, cities, townships and other local units of government to Governor John Engler and the majority and minority leaders of the state Legislature.

State Senator George McManus (R-Traverse City) announced the new population figures for his district.

"I was very interested in seeing what the census results were," said McManus. "We are always trying to make sure northern Michigan residents get their fair share of state and federal funding, and the

census results have a lot to do with that. In my district, every county had population increases of at least 15 percent."

Below is a list of population changes between 1990 and 2000 in some counties in Senate District 36:

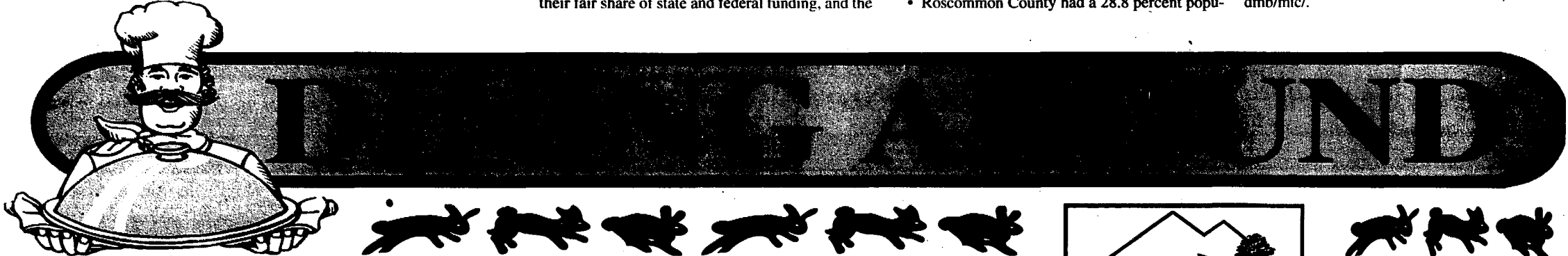
- Crawford County had a 16.4 percent population change increasing from 12,260 to 14,273;
- Kalkaska County had a 22.8 percent population change increasing from 13,497 to 16,571;
- Otsego County had a 29.8 percent population change increasing from 17,957 to 23,301;
- Roscommon County had a 28.8 percent popu-

lation change increasing from 19,776 to 25,469.

"Some of the townships, especially, had dramatic population shifts," McManus said. "Hayes Township in Otsego County, for instance, had a 66 percent population change increasing from 1,437 in 1990 to 2,385 in 2000."

McManus said that the new census data will provide a valuable tool to help government better target services to meet the needs of residents.

Additional information on Michigan's census totals can be found on the Michigan Information Center web site located at [www.state.mi.us/dmb/mic/](http://www.state.mi.us/dmb/mic/).





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## 46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencing for January - March 2000

### Honorable Dennis F. Murphy:

Shawn Patrick Sullivan, 30, of Frederic: Probation Violation - sentenced to 30-168 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Michael Lorenzo Ledesma, 42, of Frederic: Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree, Under 13 - Sentenced to 216 - 360 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections, ordered to pay \$60 Crime Victims Fund and repay the cost of any counseling required by the victim due to the commission of this offense.

Karen Marie Neilson, 38, of Frederic: Possession of Marijuana - ordered to pay \$300 fine, \$50 Crime Victims Fund; placed on 12 months probation.

Thomas Eugene Holm, 35, of Roscommon: Delivery and Manufacturing Controlled Substance, Marijuana - Sentenced to 90 days in jail (held in Abeyance); ordered to pay \$150 fine, \$250 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims Fund, \$350 attorney fees, \$150 forensic lab fee; and placed on 18 months probation.

Deanna Marie MacIntyre, 31, of Beaverton: Perjury/ Court Procedure - Sentenced to 60 days in jail (held in abeyance); ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims Rights, \$300 attorney fees; placed on 24 months probation.

Dennis Leon Thomason, 43, of Fair Haven: Probation Violation - Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Gary Arthur Partlow III, 17, of Grayling: Probation Violation - Probation continued.

David Mitchell Stocker, 18, of Grayling: Assault with a Deadly Weapon - Sentenced to 120 days in jail (held in abeyance); ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$150 restitution, \$60 Crime Victims Fund, \$350 attorney fees; placed on 24 months probation.

Nicholas James Lovely, 19, of Grayling: Resist and Obstruct Officer - Sentenced to 1 year in jail with credit for 68 days; ordered to pay \$60 Crime Victims Fund.

Honorable Alton T. Davis: John Joseph Ryan, 25, of Roscommon: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Marijuana - Sentenced to 1 year in jail, credit for 63 days; ordered to pay \$60 Crime Victims Fund.

Lesley Keith Froncek, 43, of Grayling: Weapons Possession UIF - Sentenced to 12 days in jail, credit for 2 days; ordered to pay \$100 fine, \$250 court costs, \$50 Crime Victims Fund, \$350 attorney fees; placed on 12 months probation.

Dale Eric Kirchoff, 51, of Grayling: Operating Impaired, 3rd offense - Sentenced to 180 days in jail, credit for 1 day; ordered to pay

\$500 fine, \$250 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims Fund, \$350 attorney fees; placed on 24 months probation.

Gregory Lee Welser, 34, of Grayling: Probation Violation - Sentenced to 180 days in jail, credit for 59 days; probation continued.

Jamie Lynn Isenhauer, 26, of Frederic: Probation Violation - Sentenced to 60 days in jail, credit for 21 days; probation continued.

Hunter Wade Williams, 21, of Grayling: Probation Violation - Sentenced to 90 days in jail, credit for 60 days.

Nicholas James Lovely, 19, of Grayling: Probation Violation - Sentenced to 60 - 120 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Louis Albert Wildman, Jr., 33, of Lake City: Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree (Between 13-16) - Sentenced to 270 days in jail, credit for 197 days; ordered to pay \$250 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims Fund; placed on 24 months probation.

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Robert Steven Belcher, 32, of Grayling: OUIL 3rd offense - Sentenced to 180 days in jail, credit for 1 day (60 days forthwith, 120 days held in abeyance); ordered to pay \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims Fund, \$350 attorney fee; placed on 24 months probation.

Patrick Keith Love, 45, of Detroit: Possess Controlled Substance >25 grams - Sentenced to 60 days jail, credit for 3 days (30 days forthwith, 30 days held in abeyance); ordered to pay \$1000 fine, \$240 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims Fund; placed on 24 months probation.

Robert Lee Long, 18, of Grayling: Fleeing Police Officer, 3rd - Sentenced to 180 days in jail, credit for 20 days; ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims Fund, \$350 attorney fees; placed on 24 months probation.

Warren Lee Reniff, 48, of Grayling: OUIL, 3rd - Sentenced to 1 year in jail, credit for 8 days; ordered to pay \$500 fine, \$250 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims Fund; placed on 36 months probation.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Memorials donated to the Crawford County Library in memory of F. Glenn Rosenau from Monday Bridge Club are McNally's Dilemma, The Attorney, He Shall Thunder in the Sky, Amphibians, A World for Butterflies, National Audubon Society; Fishes, National Audubon Society; Shells and Learn to Play Bridge in 9 Minutes.

In memory of John H. Alef, Sr., grandson Anthony Neal donated Doctor Doolittle.

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For Robert Holzman, Margaret and Antonio Vella donated Roses are Red and Prometheus Deception.

Cornell Agency donated Kid's Hockey for Henry Hees, Hidden Treasures for Frank Hannan, Quotations for Public Speakers for Douglas Harner, Making Gifts with Rubber Stamps for Leone Duncan, Parties-Menus for Easy Good Times for Catherine Treston, Big Book of Dates Chronology for Alvin Rouse, and Katie Entertains for Alice Nelson.

Mick and Sally McNamara donated Dinnertime Express for Alice Nelson.

Chuck and Linda Mires donated Stranger in the Woods for Mickey Sorenson.

Richard and Joan Miller donated Deer Hunter's Encyclopedia and Ultimate Guide to Bird Dog Training for Gary Wyman.

Memorial books are a donation of \$10 each and can be purchased at any of the Crawford County Library branches.

For more information please call the Crawford County Library.

Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215

Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone number is 348-9214.

Frederic Community Library is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

Beaver Creek Township Library is open Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is (517) 275-2808.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

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### April

Wed, April 11 - Hawaiian Ham/ Swiss Steak; 10 a.m. Exercises; 11 a.m. Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m. Stag Cards; Commodities distributed at the Eagle's Club between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. only. Birthday dinner and White Elephant Auction beginning at 5 p.m.

Thurs., April 12 - Fish/ Herbed Chicken; 11 a.m. to 12 noon Blood Pressure and sugars taken; 1 p.m. Pinochle Club; Out to Lunch Bunch goes to Cadillac leaving at 10:30 a.m. Personnel Committee meets at 4:30 p.m., public welcome.

Fri., April 13 - Senior Center closed.

Sat. 14 - Foot Clinic and please bring your own towel; Also on the 14th there is the Easter Carnival and Breakfast at Hanson Hills. A bus will leave the Center at 9 a.m. so you don't have to buck the traffic at Hanson.

Sun. 15 - Easter Sunday Brunch at the Senior Center from 10 to 1.

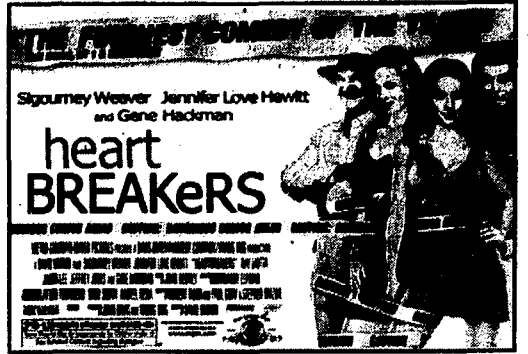
Mon. 16 - Stuffed Cabbage/ Maryland Chicken; 10:00 Gripes and Gab Club; 12:00 Stag Cards; 1:00 Bridge Club; 5:30 Hangman.

Tue., April 17 - Broiled Cod/ Hamburger and Cheese Noodles; 1:00 Euchre Club; Finance Committee meets at 3 p.m.; Movie at 5:30 p.m., "Sons of Katie Elder" with John "the Duke" Wayne.

Wed., April 18 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce/ Pot Roast; 10:00 Exercises; 11:00 Line Dancing; 12:30 Stag Cards; Hearing Clinic, by appointment; at 5:30 p.m. the COA Board meets at the Center.

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### St. Francis Episcopal Church

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Easter Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am

### Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday: 6:00 pm  
Good Friday: 6:00 pm  
Easter Sunday: Service: 10:00 am

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: 8 pm - 10 pm  
Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death: 2 pm  
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass: 9:00 pm  
Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord Mass: 8 am & 10 am

### Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday: Communion: 7 pm  
Good Friday: Memorial Service: noon-1:30 pm  
Easter Sunday: Service: 8:30 am and 11 am  
Easter Breakfast between Services

### Grayling Assembly of God

Easter Sunday: Resurrection Celebration Breakfast: 9 am to 10 am  
Good Friday: Joint service with Life Tabernacle: 7 pm

### Bear Lake Christian Church

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## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

### TOE JOINT PROBLEMS

Toe joints are a common source of pain and problems in the foot. Ill-fitting shoes, systemic conditions like arthritis, and poor biomechanics can contribute to toe joint problems. Gout - a form of arthritis involving the formation of uric acid crystals in and around joints - and infections can trigger heat, pain, swelling, tenderness, and redness in the big toe. The big toe joint can also suffer a union from a misalignment that causes it to bend toward the second toe. The four smaller toe joints are susceptible to bending abnormally due to constricting shoes or excessively high or low arches. Corns may develop as the joints rub against shoes. Arthritis commonly affects the toe joints, causing pain, stiffness, and swelling. Proper care of toe joint problems and other foot conditions is vital to your program of overall good health. Our office has taken special attention to provide comprehensive care to manage foot and ankle problems as well as prevent them before they occur. We specialize in the evaluation and treatment of many symptoms affecting the lower extremities. For your feet's sake and your well-being, call GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 922-9100 & 800-968-7440, for an appointment for compassionate foot care. We're located at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Your podiatrist can recommend treatment that will help relieve the symptoms of toe joint pain.

## Need a computer tutor? Ask Ernie for help

PC Computer Tutor Company, formed by Ernest A. Reynolds, opened for business April 1. It is a tutoring business for the novice/amateur computer user, teaching one-on-one in the customer's own home.

Reynolds said he offers daytime, weekend and evening appointments to help customers customize their computers, get them online and learning the initial email system. "Setting the system up for the ease and comfort of the customer is the goal of the PC Computer Tutor Company business," he said.

"Ernie" Reynolds has lived in Roscommon for 12 years. While on permanent disability he decided to open an unusual but needed business in the area - Roscommon and Crawford Counties. He has extensive experience in electronics and a computer degree in five languages. Reynolds has also taught computers and performed research for a variety of companies. He is considered an Information Consultant, he said.

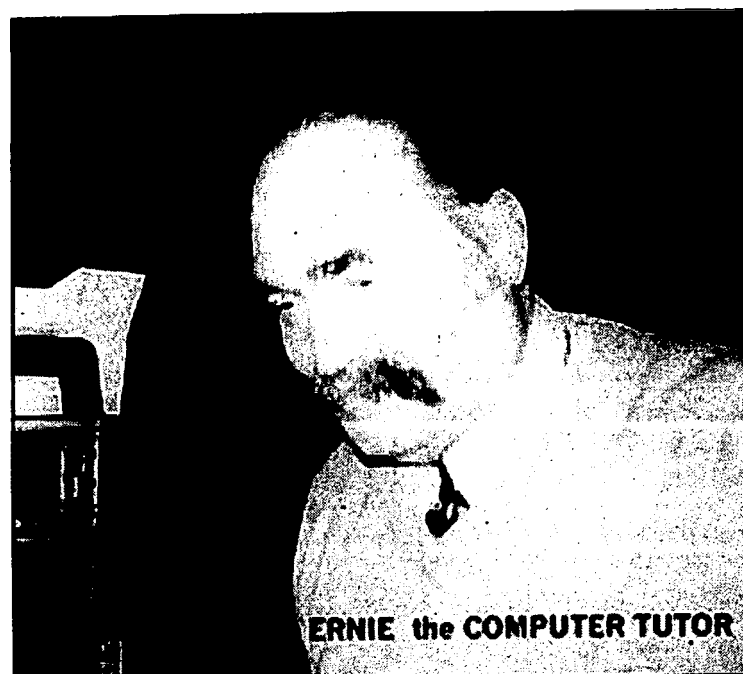
"The idea of teaching the cus-

tomers in their own home seemed a natural thing to make it easier, for the beginning user to the advanced user, to learn and have more fun computing," explained Reynolds. "Teaching shortcuts and showing how surfing the Internet can be fun, and learning from the 'net' actually enjoyable."

Reynolds tutors in many areas, including data processing, graphic design, small business applications, chat networks, web cam surfing, educational applications, research and web page design. He is insured against loss and privacy/security is his goal with every installation.

Appointments for learning are available evenings and weekends to meet customer needs. An initial instruction of two hours is necessary to set up a new system and make it easier for the customer to use, he said. Other classes are also taught in two-hour blocks of time.

For more information, log on to [www.pccomputertutor.com](http://www.pccomputertutor.com); email Reynolds at: [woodsman@voyager.net](mailto:woodsman@voyager.net) or call (517) 275-7117.



ERNE the COMPUTER TUTOR

Ernest "Ernie" Reynolds opened his own business earlier this month. PC Computer Tutor Company helps home personal computer owners get set up, on line and emailing in no time. He also offers other computer related instruction.

## Specialty fund-raising license plates now on sale



Secretary of State Candice S. Miller is reminding motorists that the state's six new Specialty License Plates went on sale Monday, April 2. The Specialty License Plates will benefit six state-supported causes: agricultural heritage, children, light-houses, veterans memorial, water quality and wildlife preservation. A \$35 fee, in addition to the annual registration fee, will be charged

when ordering a Specialty License Plate. Twenty-five dollars of the \$35 is earmarked for the cause, with the remaining \$10 paying for the production and mailing of the license plate. Residents wishing to personalize their plate pay an extra \$30. A Specialty Disability License Plate is also available.

Every time a Specialty License Plate is renewed, a \$10 fee is collected or the cause. Residents with personalized plates will also pay a \$15 personalized plate fee when renewing.

Residents can order any of the six new specialty plates at any Secretary of State branch office. Information about ordering is also available on

the department's web site, [www.sos.state.mi.us](http://www.sos.state.mi.us), and will be mailed with vehicle registration renewal notices.

## Interpretive classes offered

Beginning April 17, Wellington Farm Park will offer classes in Cultural and Natural Interpretation.

The classes are offered free of charge by the Living History Farm as part of its Community Service Program. Classes will be held for six consecutive weeks on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in downtown Grayling.

Anyone interested in either historical or natural interpreting is cordial-

ly invited to attend these classes. The area of interpretation is a rapidly growing field with many opportunities for employment for trained interpreters.

Historical Interpretation is also a very popular and rapidly growing leisure time activity.

For more information, or to register for the classes, call Wellington Farm Park at (517) 348-5187 or visit the park's web site at: [www.wellingtonfarmpark.org](http://www.wellingtonfarmpark.org).

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## Voting systems reviewed at technology fair

To assist lawmakers in determining what voting system best serves the needs of Michigan voters, Secretary of State Candice S. Miller sponsored a Voting Technology Fair at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing, late last month.

"It's ironic that as Michigan begins the new millennium, we are still using voting technology more than 100 years old," said Secretary Miller. "To decide on the best choice for Michigan, we need to become more familiar with the latest voting systems as well as the voting technology that is just over the horizon."

Eight vendors were present, displaying 13 voting systems. Visitors to the fair viewed the latest in voting technology by Compaq, Fidler Doubleday, Elections Solutions, ES&S, Global, Microvote, Sequoia and Unilect. The systems on display included voting kiosks, an Internet system, several touch-screens, optical scan and a precinct tabulator for punch cards.

"A uniform statewide voting system offers many advantages," said Secretary Miller. "With one system, the way we vote, design ballots, count votes, train election workers and educate voters is the same for every precinct and every election."

One of the challenges election officials face in choosing a uniform voting system is Michigan's highly decentralized election system. The state has 5,376 precincts, and its local election officials comprise 25 percent of all local election officials in the nation. According to data collected during the 2000 election cycle, Michigan precincts use the following voting systems:

- 3,006 precincts use an optical scan system. Optical scan requires voters to color in an oval or arrow next to a candidate's name. A scanner reads the marks and tabulates votes.

- 1,443 precincts use a punch card system. With punch cards, voters use a stylus to punch a hole in the ballot corresponding to the candi-

date's name. A card reader reads and tabulates votes.

- 693 precincts use lever-style voting machines. One of the oldest voting systems still in use, voting machines mechanically record votes indicated by the voter, who turns down levers over or next to the candidate's name.

- 137 precincts use paper ballots. The voter writes an "x" or a check mark next to the candidate's name.

- 97 precincts use direct recording electronic voting systems. Voters touch a button or a computer screen to indicate their choices. The results are electronically stored and are internally counted by the computer equipment.

Secretary Miller will use information gathered at the Voting Technology Fair when presenting her findings on voting systems to state lawmakers in April. As part of her report, she will make a recommendation on how the state should proceed in choosing a uniform system.

"The people of Michigan can take pride that our state is viewed nationally as a leader in conducting elections," Secretary Miller concluded. "I am a strong believer in using technology to improve customer service. The next most significant improvement we can make to our election process is to move toward uniformity in the way we vote. A uniform voting system is a bold move. It is an investment into the future of Michigan and one we should be willing to make."

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Dick Ledebuhr, MSU Department of Agriculture Engineering Specialist, will have equipment on hand to test individual sprayer nozzles for farmers who attend. He will

conduct an extensive hands-on demonstration of calibrating equipment. Phil Seitz, MSU Groundwater Stewardship Technician, will update farmers on cost share programs and the new MSU Nutrient Management software program.

Farmers are concerned with meeting guidelines for protection of their land and water in order to ensure their production base will be preserved. This workshop will assist with their planning efforts to maintain their equipment and properly document their activity.

The workshop is sponsored by the MSU Extension Groundwater Stewardship Program. Farmers from Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Crawford, Roscommon, and Arenac Counties are especially invited. Pesticides education recertification credits have been applied for from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Lunch will be available at the site. Farmers need to call the Iosco MSU Extension Office at 362-3449 or (800) 792-7404 for reservations for reference materials and a lunch count.

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## Bill would require vaccinations for college students

By Dan Austin  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- A Michigan State University student and a lawmaker are leading the way to require incoming college students who live on-campus to be immunized for a potentially deadly disease.

Adam Busuttill, an MSU music education sophomore, contracted meningococcal meningitis in October 1999. The bacteria cause inflammation around the spinal cord and brain and is often fatal.

Symptoms include headaches, high fever, stiff neck, vomiting, extreme fatigue and sensitivity to bright lights.

"Something needed to be done because I wouldn't want to go through what I went through again," said Busuttill, 21. "For four days they didn't even know if I was going to live."

"The chances of me surviving were pretty slim -- around five percent."

With symptoms similar to the flu,

Busuttill said, students may not realize they're sick until it's too late -- all the more reason for them to take precautions and get immunized against the bacteria.

Rep. Lauren Hager, R-Port Huron, introduced a bill in the House to require college students living in on-campus housing to be immunized for meningitis.

Busuttill, a Shelby Township native, said the bill deserves to become law and plans to testify for the measure when it gets to committee.

"Our top priority with this bill is to raise awareness about meningitis," Hager said. "Second, and equally important, is that we let people know there are vaccines out there."

Hager said the bill focuses on on-campus students because, while rare, the chances of a meningitis outbreak are heightened in tight quarters such as residence halls.

It can be spread through respiratory and throat secretions such as kissing, coughing and sharing eating utensils.

"In a university setting, where students live in such close proximity

to each other, the chances for it spreading are far greater," Hager said. "We also don't want to make the law too far encompassing. You want to be careful not to over-man-date a situation."

"People are cautious when you require them to do things in regard to their health."

Geralyn Lasher, director of communications for the Michigan Department of Community Health, said there are about 100 cases of meningitis a year in Michigan.

"This is something more and more universities are encouraging their students to get a vaccine for," Lasher said. "Many people carry the bacteria but have no symptoms. You could feel perfectly fine and give it to someone without knowing."

The vaccine is not good forever, however, and students will need to be re-immunized every four years.

Parents of students under 18 years of age could opt out of the shots by signing a waiver, and students who are legally adults can also waive the immunization requirement. Hager said he is including the provision for those with biases against vaccines or for religious reasons.

Busuttill said even on those grounds they might want to reconsider. "If most people saw what I went through, they would take the five seconds of pain over the consequences," he said.

Being vaccinated would be the responsibility of parents and students. The university and state would not pay for the measure.

But Hager said since the measure is for their protection, he doesn't expect many students to take the risk.

MSU vaccinated 16,000 students against the bacteria in 1999 after Busuttill was hospitalized for the strain of bacteria. The university recommends that all incoming students be immunized against meningitis, but it does not require it.

Another MSU student, Tricia Zailo, died in December from meningitis, and two MSU students died from the bacteria in 1997. Five Detroit area youths died from the disease last fall.

Hager's bill, which has bipartisan co-sponsorship, was expected to be referred to the House Health Policy Committee.

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Child care staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write to the Council for Professional Recognition at 2460 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-3575, or call (202) 265-9090 or 1-800-424-4310.

Gomez is currently attending Baker College in Cadillac, where she is working toward a Bachelor

degree in Early Childhood Instruction and Preschool Development. She was recently named to the Winter Semester Dean's List.

**Davenport University**  
Davenport University, Gaylord Center -- the following students have achieved Dean's List honors recognition for the Winter 2001 term: Melanie Hamina, Mark Huffman, Robert Pallarito and Dennis Palmer, all Grayling area students.

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## OBITUARIES

### Elaine R. Hughey

Sept. 29, 1936 - April 4, 2001

Elaine Rose Hughey, 64, of Grayling died April 4 at her home.

Elaine Hughey was born September 29, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois to Stanley Edward and Sophie Eleanor (Kozio) Rakoczy.

Ms. Hughey moved to Grayling in 1987 from Traverse City. She retired from C.O.O.R. in 2000.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one son Allan J. Hughey, one sister Dolores Crisp and three brothers.

Survivors include: two daughters, Karen (Jerry) Wagar of Petoskey and Tina (Stuart) Galgerud of Willow Creek, Montana; three sons, Bryan (Darlene) Hughey of Petoskey, Dennis Hughey of Boyne Falls and Craig (Tammy) Hughey of Topinabee; one brother, Ron (Carolyn) Rakoczy of Grayling; one sister, Carol Vendeville of Grayling; brother-in-law, Tom Crisp of Chippewa Lake; 15 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; and many special nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held on April 10 at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling.

Memorials can be sent to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

### William A. Walker

Nov. 14, 1938 - April 7, 2001

William Abbott Walker, 62, of Lovells died April 7.

Mr. Walker was born November 14, 1938 in Highland Park, Illinois to C. Abbott and Phyllis (Craig) Walker.

William was a Civil engineer who worked on structural engineering projects across the United States for the past 32 years. He graduated from MTU in 1961 and served in the Michigan National Guard. He was an avid handball player, a member of the Michigan Handball Association, an avid fisherman and was also the caregiver for his father for the past eight years.

Preceding him in death was his mother who died in 1993.

Survivors include: his father, C. Abbott Walker of Lovells; one sister, Susan (Tom) Calkins of Elk Rapids; one niece, Katie (Mike) Lyons of Ferndale; two nephews, David Calkins of Sterling Heights and Craig (Laura) Calkins of Troy and one great niece, Hannah Claire Lyons of Ferndale.

A memorial service is planned at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Lovells Township Library.

Arrangements have been made by the Elk Rapids Chapel of Covell Funeral Homes.

### Card of Thanks

From the family of Betty Worden

We would like to thank all of our wonderful family and friends for their support in our time of loss. The prayers, visits, phone calls, food, cards, flowers and wonderful stories were greatly appreciated and helped us more than you'll know. We couldn't have made it through this difficult time without your love and concern. We are truly blessed to have you all.

We would also like to thank Dr. Korneli and Kiani and the staff of the Critical Care Unit at Mercy Hospital for the wonderful care they provided. Thank you also to Dean Meyering at Sorenson Funeral Home for his help and genuine concern.

Lastly, we would like to thank Dr. George James for his continuous care over the last few years. You were more than just a doctor to her. She thought the world of you... and so do we.

Our sincerest and deepest gratitude,  
Ace and Kathy

### Ervin W. Woten

May 4, 1908 - April 7, 2001

Ervin W. "Pete" Woten, 92, of Traverse City died at Bortz Health Care in Traverse City.

Ervin Woten was born on May 4, 1908 in Portland, Indiana to Minos and Clara Woten. He was married to Clara Lee French who preceded him in death on August 28, 1959. He then married Mildred Burgess, she preceded him in death on August 16, 1982.

Mr. Woten grew up in Belding. He served his country in the U.S. Army in WWII in the 60th Infantry Regiment 9th Division for 2 1/2 years. He was employed by Fisher Body General Motors Corporation in Flint, Plant #2, from February 9, 1929 until his retirement in 1966. After retirement he moved to Grayling for 20 years and lived on the AuSable River.

While in Grayling, he belonged to Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. Ervin then moved to Traverse City in 1985. Mr. Woten loved to hunt, fish, play cribbage, wood work and study the Bible.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Agnes Morris of Canyon Lake, Texas.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lynne C. Woten of Mesick; several nieces and special friends, Herb Potes of Tawas City and Dennis (Charlene) Lutes and family of Traverse City.

A celebration of Ervin W. "Pete" Woten's life was held on Tuesday April 10. Reverend William Winter officiated.

Interment will be at Davison Cemetery in Davison.

Memorials may be sent to Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

### Ethel L. Yacks

Feb. 21, 1920 - April 4, 2001

Ethel L. Yacks, 81, of Grayling died April 4 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Ethel was born in Bay City on February 21, 1920 to Leon and Anna (Koss) Lewis. She married Russell Yacks on October 7, 1940 in Bay City.

Mrs. Yacks moved to Grayling from Bay City in 1970. She was a homemaker who enjoyed reading love stories and American Indian heritage.

She also enjoyed taking care of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and being a "mom to all". Ethel enjoyed the spring with the flowers blooming and the return of the robins.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Leon and Anna Lewis and husband Russell Yacks who died on November 12, 1998.

Survivors include: one daughter, Ann (Larry) Haight of Grayling; two sons, Eugene (Kathy) Yacks of Pinconning and Leo (Martha) Yacks of Essexville; six grandchildren, Royal (Kristen) Haight of Grayling, Jake Haight of Grayling, Dawn Saulter of Bay City, Mary Yacks of Bay City, Rob (Lisa) Yacks of Bay City and Bill Yacks of Pinconning and six great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

## MILITARY NEWS

Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Lyndsay A. Hampton, a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School, recently reported for duty at Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, California.

### George A. Hanson

April 2, 1917 - April 1, 2001

George A. Hanson, 83, of Grayling died on Sunday, April 1, 2001 at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

He was born on April 2, 1917 in Grayling, the son of Hans Waldemar "Walter" and Hulda (Karlson) Hanson. On July 16, 1958 in Boyne City, he married Hazel M. Lanning.

George served in the United States Army 8th Air Force during World War II. He drove a truck for Tufts Parts Store in Grayling for 15 years delivering home heating oil to local homes. He retired in 1977.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel on July 31, 1991; three sisters, Ingeborre Libcke, Agnes Hanson and Ann Hanson; one son-in-law, C. Edgar Barrett; and one brother-in-law, John Libcke.

Survivors include: one son, Bravard (Charlotte) Helms of Grandville; one daughter, Virgiline I. Barrett of Jacksonville, Florida; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and one brother, Robert (Fran) Hanson of Grayling; several nieces and nephews as well as a very special friend, Thelma Holland of Grayling.

A memorial service was held on Monday, April 9 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in Mancelona. Rev. Kathy Steen of the Mancelona United Methodist Church officiated. Interment will be in Chapman Cemetery.

The family received friends on Monday April 9.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 41 complaints during the week of April 1-7: Three civil infraction citations, two traffic accidents, one private property accident, two traffic control complaints, one felony arrest, one misdemeanor arrest, one breaking and entering, one criminal sexual conduct, one larceny, seven check law violations, one domestic, one juvenile complaint, two assists to other departments, two false alarms, two assaults, three disturbances, two suspicious situations, and 8 unclassified complaints. Seventeen traffic warnings were also issued.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 59 calls during the week of April 2-8: One assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny, one fraudulent activities, one damage to property, five public peace/disorderly, four driving violations/DWLS, etc., one health and safety, one miscellaneous criminal offense, 16 traffic accidents, two traffic violations (civil infractions), one parking violation, five false alarm activation, one accidental fire, two hazardous conditions, two civil matter disputes - family trouble, two suspicious situations, 11 general non-criminal, one miscellaneous arrest.

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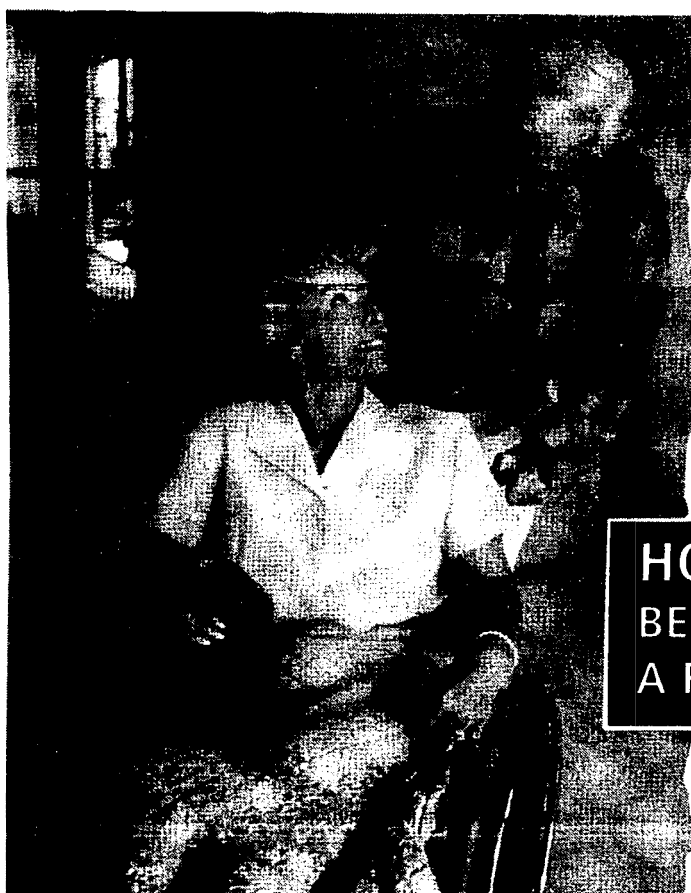


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# OPINIONS

## Bankruptcy Reform should provide hope, not hurt

To the editor

Unfortunately, the bankruptcy reform legislation that is about to be passed by Congress does nothing to address the real causes of bankruptcy.

In an effort to stem the recent

years' flood of bankruptcy filings, the banking industry and its allies in the House and Senate are ignoring the underlying reasons why people got into trouble in the first place - unrealistic money goals, compulsive spending, consumption habits, self-esteem issues and lack of personal responsibility and financial awareness. These issues, and many more, are the real reasons that people find themselves in financial trouble. Until we, as a society, face them head on, people are going to continue heading toward insolvency - new bankruptcy bill or not.

Debt problems cannot be explained away by saying that the credit card companies are marketing too much or that bankruptcy laws are too loose. Years of experience working with people in financial trouble demonstrate time and time again that money problems are never about the money. Money problems are a symptom of bigger life issues.

Here is the crux of the problem: bankruptcy is a legal, financial solution that people use to solve non-legal, non-financial issues. The inability to pay the bill is the symptom not the diagnosis.

It seems that we are always more comfortable trying to identify who is the victim and the perpetrator in cases of financial troubles. We find comfort in finding someone to blame. Credit card companies and their extensions of credit are often erroneously cast as the villains of our nation's consumer financial problems.

I filed for bankruptcy protection in 1990. I had gotten into financial trouble and was unable to repay my debts for reasons that I could easily have blamed on others. I had about \$25,000 of credit card debt and I felt, at the time, the credit card companies were to blame.

I was wrong. I wasn't a victim of credit card companies, installment loan outfits, mortgage lenders or anyone else. I was just in denial about the reality of my situation. I willingly used the credit offered to me. Nobody came with me to the store, put a gun to my head and made me take my credit card from my pocket and hand it to the clerk. I did it all myself.

I frantically searched for a viable solution to my problem. Credit counseling said they could not help and nobody else offered any advice other than bankruptcy. My situation was complicated; I needed help and didn't know what else to do, so I filed.

In 1994, I turned my life's biggest mistake into hope and assistance for others by co-founding a nonprofit organization that helps people find solutions for difficult financial problems. We help our clients deal with the emotional, behavioral and financial effects of money troubles. The bankruptcy bill addresses only one of those issues.

Take for example a husband who blames his wife for overspending and says, "Our debt troubles are your fault. Stop buying stuff." If they consider bankruptcy as a way to solve their financial problem, it won't.

The new bankruptcy law will attempt to squeeze every last penny out of them and provide years of fiscal punishment without ever addressing or providing assistance for the true underlying reason for their overspending. The causes could include relationship problems, compulsive shopping, compulsive spending, self-esteem issues or other out-of-control money behaviors.

Bankruptcy reform should not create a system that extracts money from debtors without ever considering the underlying reasons why they got into trouble in the first place. Unless you discover why a debtor's expenses exceed income, bankruptcy will only be a way to make temporary reductions in expenses but will do nothing to fix the reasons that brought bankruptcy filers to the financial edge.

Unfortunately, there are very few places that help consumers overcome these underlying life issues. Even the budgetary and credit counseling centers that consumers will be forced to go to do not address these issues.

The tighter the bankruptcy laws squeeze consumers, the more they will blame others for their financial problems. They will never find a reason to accept personal responsibility for their financial actions and

will likely find themselves in similar financial straits again.

The financial industry loses more than \$40 billion every year to bankruptcy. It's difficult to quantify what individual bankruptcy filers lose, but the financial and emotional costs are big. Our recent study shows that they pay as much as 70 percent more just for auto and home loans. Bankruptcy also increases the price a person pays to lease a car, rent an apartment and purchase insurance. The emotional cost can be even higher. People lose self-esteem and confidence, personal characteristics that trickle down to affect them in many ways. Some stay in low-paying jobs thinking that new employers will not hire them. Others think they are stuck having to accept high interest rates after bankruptcy because their credit is trashed.

Some of the staunchest congressional supporters of the new bankruptcy reform legislation feel that it is needed to restore a stigma to the bankruptcy process. They feel that people do not feel shame as a result of filing. Nothing could be further from the truth. I know from personal and professional experience. I will carry my pain for the rest of my life. If more shame is what our congressional representatives want, then they should just publish the names of bankruptcy filers in the local newspaper.

Steve Rhode  
Rockville, MD

Steve Rhode is president and co-founder of Myvesta.org™, the nation's only comprehensive financial crisis center. Founded in 1994, the nonprofit financial services organization has helped more than four million people through its programs and educational resources. Myvesta.org is committed to helping people resolve past financial mistakes, manage current financial responsibilities and find financial peace of mind. Its programs and services include debt management, crisis resolution, online bill management, bankruptcy alternatives, creditor negotiation and financial coaching. Prior to April 2000, Myvesta.org was known as Debt Counselors of America.

## Timber Mandate: A threat to our forests

The following was submitted to the Avalanche by two of our readers and has been circulating throughout Grayling. The submitters felt this essay, originally published as part of the "Public Forum" in the April '01 issue of "Healing Garden," is a worthwhile read. It is published in its entirety.

Dear Business Owner and Concerned Citizen:

I am writing to alert you of a serious threat to the quality and beauty of Michigan's forests, and therefore to the business interests of our communities. The "Timber Mandate," a House bill attachment that would force the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to cut a sizable portion of our state forests each year, has been reintroduced into the Lansing budget process. We ask your immediate action in contacting Rep. Scott Shackleton as soon as possible to voice your concern.

What is the "Timber Mandate?" The Governor's proposed DNR Budget Bill, HB 4259, includes lan-

guage that would force the DNR Forest Management Division to cut "69,000 acres plus or minus 10%" of our public forests each year. Michigan is the only state in the union that has allowed such a budget mandate to overrule the professional judgement of its forest managers, and to silence the public will for the sake of the timber lobby. The "timber mandate" language would inappropriately place timber interests above other natural resource and recreational values on our public lands.

How does this concern us? Thousands of tourists are drawn to Michigan for its mushrooming, fishing, fall color excursions and the natural beauty of its forests. In recent years, many visitors and residents alike have been dismayed by the impact of clear cutting and heavy logging practices on our public lands. Currently, an unnaturally large percentage of our state forests, approximately 25% are kept in the "immature sapling" stage by heavy logging. This has severe negative

effects on mushrooming habitats, fall color vistas, stream quality, and many of the natural and aesthetic values that draw people to our state.

What can we do? Contact Rep. Scott Shackleton and voice your opposition to the "Timber Mandate" part of HB 4259. Please indicate that you want all "minimum cut" or "timber mandate" language dropped (not re-worded or re-packaged) as inappropriate to this budget bill. Feel free to copy this letter and alert your friends and fellow retailers of this threat to Michigan's scenic heritage.

Contact Rep. Scott Shackleton at sshackleton@house.state.mi.us or (517) 373-2629. Mailing address: The Honorable Scott Shackleton, Michigan House, State Capitol, Lansing MI 48909.

Written by Seamus McJim

Editor's note: Readers may also want to contact Rep. Ken Bradstreet at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909; phone (517) 373-0829.

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## VIEWPOINT

### Can California's electric crisis happen in Michigan?

by David W. Joos  
President & Chief Executive  
Officer - Electric

The news from California is not good. The state has experienced rolling electricity blackouts and the two largest power companies talk of bankruptcy.

Last June, Michigan's legislature passed new laws restructuring much of our state's power industry. This begs an obvious question: Can California's power problem happen here?

The answer is no, not if we continue to prudently move toward customer choice and support new generating plants and electric transmission and distribution facilities needed to power Michigan's growing economy.

California's electric utilities cannot keep up with the public's demand for power. While the people of California are increasing their use of electricity at nearly triple the national rate, no new power plants have been built in more than a decade because of many reasons - including opposition from the public.

By contrast, demand in Michigan is growing more slowly, about two percent annually, and several generating units have been brought into service. Consumers Energy rebuilt and restarted three units at our plant in Muskegon and our holding company, CMS Energy, has added units

in northern and southern Michigan that can generate power during times of peak demand.

Michigan's new laws removed many of the uncertainties that kept power suppliers from building new plants here. A number of new units are planned over the next several years. With their output, we could have enough electricity to exceed customer demand on peak-use days by 40 percent or more. Some already face very strong public opposition, however, so the percentage could turn out to be much smaller.

California encouraged its electric utilities to sell most of their fossil-fired power plants. Now, California's utilities are dependent on a volatile, short-term wholesale power market to buy power one day at a time. They are barred from signing long-term power contracts or using the other tools available to utilities elsewhere to ensure a reliable supply.

By contrast, Michigan's utilities are allowed to keep enough existing generating capacity to serve our current customers. By relying on our own plants and firm contracts to buy power elsewhere, we have taken the necessary steps to ensure a reliable supply for the present.

California's extraordinarily strict environmental rules have discouraged construction of new power plants and encouraged too much

reliance on natural gas. Michigan gets a much smaller fraction of its power from gas-fired plants. Our primary fuel source is coal, which is abundant, affordable and increasingly clean. Coal-fired and nuclear-powered plants provide more than half of our electricity, at prices that are lower and historically more stable.

California also suffers from inadequate transmission capacity to import electricity from other states. By contrast, Michigan's law requires the state's utilities to expand transmission capacity by 2,000 megawatts by June 2002. We are already working to meet that requirement.

Finally, Michigan's new laws empower the Michigan Public Service Commission to establish performance standards to ensure that our electric customers continue to enjoy quality service.

Michigan's different approach is keeping us from a California-style mess. During a few hot summer days in 1998 and 1999 when electric supplies were very tight, our customers responded to our public appeals to conserve by turning off some lights and cutting back a bit on air conditioning. We didn't have to resort to a dramatic, California-style action and kept the power flowing.

Resolving the long term problem will require cooperation. You and I

vote with our light switches every day for more electricity. There's no need for a recount. We vote for more central air conditioners, computers, electronic devices and products from factories which use large amounts of power.

On the other hand, many people are very quick to vote no when it comes to new generating plants and power lines near their communities.

How shall we reconcile the two votes? We need to respond by conserving electricity when demand is unusually high, like on very hot summer days. We also need to work together to develop a long-term plan to build the plants and power lines that Michigan's families and businesses will need. That's no small task.

California has gotten everyone's attention. Now that we're thinking about the problem, let's work together on ways to make sure new power supplies can be developed in a manner that is environmentally responsible, economical and in time.

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## WASHINGTON NOTES

from Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan)

### FAIR credit card charges needed

Everyone knows that if you fail to pay your credit card bill on time, your credit card lender can and will impose an interest charge on your unpaid debt. What most people don't know, however, is that credit card lenders also charge interest for debt paid on time.

At issue is the practice by some credit card companies to charge interest on all debt incurred by a cardholder regardless of whether the cardholder has repaid a portion of the debt on time. For example, if a cardholder starts a cycle with a zero balance, charges \$1,000 on their credit card, and makes a payment of \$900 by the due date, some credit card companies charge interest on the full \$1,000 instead of on the \$100 that is owed. That means even if a consumer pays 90 percent of his debt, he is still charged interest on 100 percent.

I don't know of any other situation in which somebody who pays an obligation on time is nonetheless charged interest on the part that is paid.

These are deceptive and unfair interest charges, which can only be classified as an extreme overreach on the part of credit card companies.

This gouging of consumers ought to be corrected by the credit card companies themselves, but if it isn't I am the sponsor of a bill that will correct it by law. The Fair and Accurate Interest Rate (FAIR)

Charges bill, which I introduced last month in the Senate, would protect consumers from being charged interest on portions of their credit card debt that they have already paid. My bill ensures that if you start off the beginning of the month owing nothing, and you pay a portion of your bill on time, then no interest charge may be imposed on debt timely paid.

The practice described above is just one of many ways that credit card companies get your balance to grow larger and larger each year. Consumer Action's Annual Credit Card Survey for 2000-2001, concludes that "costs of carrying plastic money are continuing to grow." Credit card fees continue to escalate and annual percentage rates (APRs) increase steadily, averaging more than 15 percent this year. In addition, more credit card issuers than ever have started to assess late fees, and many now charge balance-transfer fees, over-limit fees and other penalty fees.

While credit card companies keep adding new and higher fees in the small print of their lending terms, American consumers are suffering the consequences. According to CardWeb.com, which tracks the credit card industry, Americans owe more than half a trillion dollars in credit card debt and the average American household with credit cards carries more than \$7,000 in

debt on those credit cards.

The FAIR Charges bill protects consumers from unfair credit card practices and takes a significant step toward easing the burden of high interest rates and fees imposed by credit card lenders.

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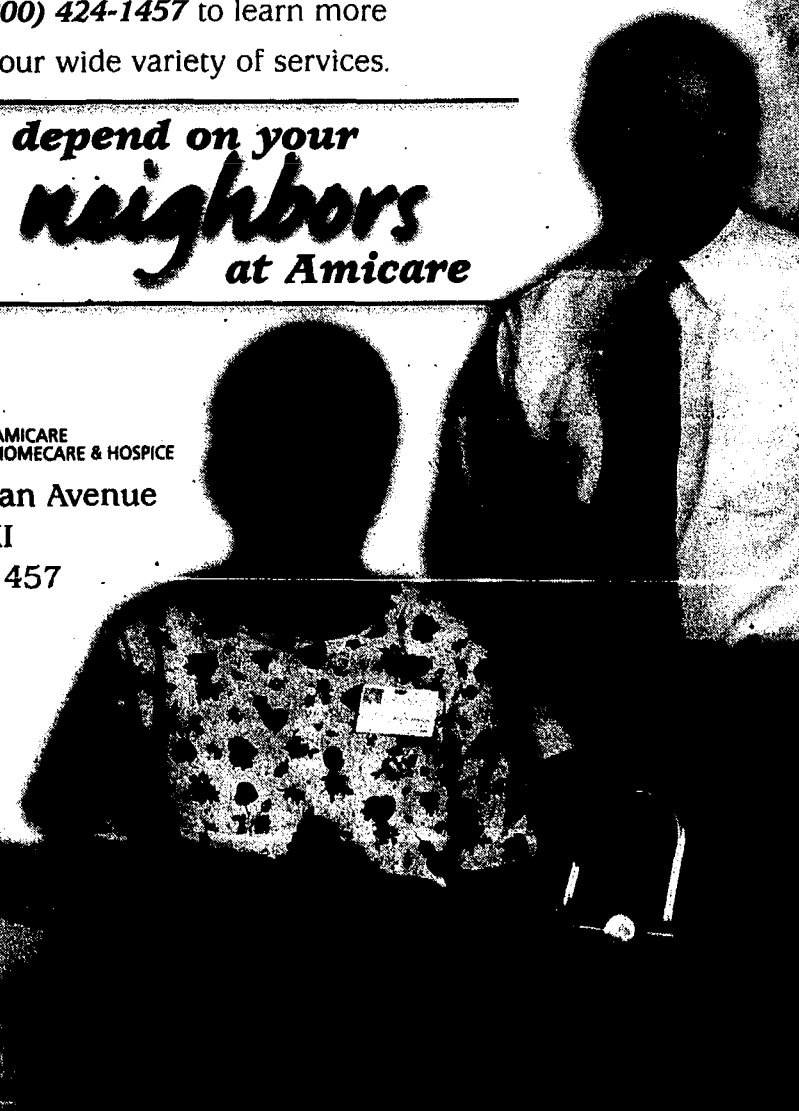
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## New traffic laws protect emergency workers, children in pickups

By Lesa Ingraham  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Two new traffic laws are in effect to protect children in pickups and emergency workers on road sides.

"These two new laws will help protect the safety of our children as well as the men and women who risk their lives every day to protect the citizens of Michigan," said Col. Michael D. Robinson, director of the Michigan State Police.

"All too often police officers and other emergency responders are killed or injured while stopped along side the roadway during the course of their duties."

The first law prohibits a driver from allowing anyone under 18 years old to ride in the open bed of a pickup truck traveling at more than 15 mph on a roadway.

There are a few exceptions: if the vehicle is in a parade, a military vehicle, an authorized emergency vehicle or a vehicle engaged in farm work.

A person who violates the law may be charged with a civil infraction. A civil infraction is a non-criminal violation, usually a traffic violation such as speeding.

"Bottom line is there is no protection in the back of a pickup," said Trooper Frank Dickson, communities services officer at the Cadillac state police post. "There are no seat belts or helmets."

In Michigan in 1999, six children under the age of 18 were killed and 91 were injured. The second law is a response to police officers killed during traffic stops.

Sen. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, was a principle legislator in getting the second law passed before being elected to the Senate on March 20.

"What got me involved in this legislation was that a DeWitt officer was killed in January 2000 and some of his fellow officers came to me," Garcia said. "We wanted to model it after the law in Indiana." Garcia said there was some resistance.

"One or two people thought it might give police officers more power, but it is set up to protect the officers while they perform their duties," Garcia said.

Sgt. Charles Hockanson, from the traffic services section of the MSP, said the laws were needed.

"I think we've had a rash of officers hurt or killed recently," Hockanson said. "There are a number of incidents and there are several kids killed each year."

Dickson said the second law is overdue.

"We've been waiting for hundreds of years to get that law passed. We have traffic stops, just like every other law enforcement agency and we have had many near misses," Dickson said.

"This law hopefully will make people think about how policemen put their lives at stake all the time and the reason of this law is to protect policemen when they are out doing their jobs."

The new law requires drivers approaching stationary emergency vehicles with emergency lights activated to move at least one lane away if possible. On two-lane roads, a driver is required to slow and pass with caution, giving the emergency vehicle as much room as possible.

The penalties for violating the law are based on the injury caused. If no injury is caused, the driver is guilty of a misdemeanor or a fine

of no more than \$500 or imprisonment for no more than 90 days, or both.

If an injury is caused, the driver is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment of no more than two years, or both. If an emergency officer is killed, the driver is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$7,500 or by imprisonment of no more than 15 years, or both.

Emergency workers include police officers, fire fighters and all others using emergency vehicles.

Five troopers have died in the line of duty for the Michigan State Police.

The last three troopers who died were struck and killed while on traffic stops. Trooper Manuel Fields, Jackson Post, was killed Aug. 27, 1994; Trooper Frederick Hardy, Detroit Post, was killed Nov. 6, 1999, and Trooper Rick Johnson, Paw Paw Post, was killed on May 6, 2000.

On Jan. 25, 2000, DeWitt Township officer Gary Preiss was struck and killed while on a traffic stop and Deputy Donald Rice of the Eaton County Sheriff Department was killed on Dec. 10, 1985, while assisting a stranded motorist.

Dozens of other officers have been struck and injured while on traffic stops, many serious enough to cause permanent and disabling injuries, according to MSP information.

"We are hoping that people will see the new law and hopefully it will save lives," Garcia said.

Robinson urges motorists to take the new laws seriously. "They have been designed to save lives and will be strictly enforced," he said.

Both laws took effect March 28.

## Robin may be replaced as state bird

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• Chickadees are our most common, people-friendly birds. They will literally eat out of our hands. In comparison, robins are often noxious and entertain us with their cheerful song for only a few weeks in the spring, then pretty much disappear.

• Chickadee food habits are beneficial to man and nature. They feed

on eggs of tent caterpillar, gypsy moths and others that plague farmers and gardeners. They hunt down spiders year-round.

In contrast, robins compete with fruit growers and with fishermen for anglers.

House Bill 4518, introduced by Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) would repeal the 1931 robin resolution and give the chickadee full standing in law as the state bird.

Co-sponsors are Rep. Any Neumann (D-Alpena) and Rep. Dale Sheltown (D-Gladwin).

The bill has been sent to the House Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee, chaired by Rep. Larry DeVuyst (R-Alma).

The preceding article was submitted by the *Conservative News Service*, written by Pete Petoskey of Lewiston, a retired Michigan wildlife division chief.

## Cell-phone users who cause accidents could be fined

By Jen-Shuan Lo  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Hello? It is legal now to chat on a cell phone while driving, but it won't be if a House bill passes.

The sponsor, House Majority Floor Leader Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, hopes to reduce traffic violations and discourage the use of cell phones among drivers. Under the proposal, a motorist involved in a traffic violation or a car accident while using a cell phone would be fined \$25 and one point on his driving record.

The bill also would require the secretary of state and State Police to conduct a study to record the number of traffic violations resulting from using mobile phones.

However, the bill hit a road bump last week at a hearing in front of the House Transportation Committee.

Cell-phone advocates argued at the hearing that phone use is not the biggest factor diverting attention and causing traffic violations.

They also contended hands-free phones will make the bill unnecessary. Such devices allow drivers to have both hands on the wheel while talking on the phone.

Cell-phone companies presented a nationwide study that indicated that the cell phones are only slightly more distracting than smoking or adjusting an air conditioner or radio while driving.

Dan Manning, owner of Safe-T-Plus, a cellular phone store in Ludington, acknowledged cellular users are more likely to get distracted while driving. But he contends the case would be different from person to person. "Some people can easily handle two things at the same time, but some can't," he said.

Manning said although hands-free phones allow drivers to concentrate more on driving, it's still not safe when drivers do more than talking, such as finding a pen and paper to write. He doubts the bill would discourage people from buying cell phones.

Manning also said he doesn't want to see drivers' freedom to use cell phones taken away, but the bill will raise drivers' awareness. "If the bill can save one person, then it's worth it," he said.

Mason County Sheriff Larry Steward said he supports the bill, but he would like to see the measure take a tougher stand to curtail traffic distraction.

He advocates imposing a larger fine and prohibiting violators from using a mobile phone for a certain period of time.

Steward agreed the use of mobile phones is not more distracting than other factors.

Scottville Police Chief Larry Nichols agrees with Steward's idea of expanding the measure.

"I think Michigan law ought to make the use of cell phones while driving illegal because they endanger others and their own lives," Nichols said.

Andrew Trapp, president of Data Control Technology in Ludington, believes drivers should be ticketed for using mobile phones while involved in a traffic violation.

But Trapp contended it's not fair to just ticket drivers for cell-phone use. "Eating a hamburger could cause distraction, too," Trapp said. "Why not ticket all activities that cause distraction?"

The bill awaits further discussion in the House Transportation Committee.

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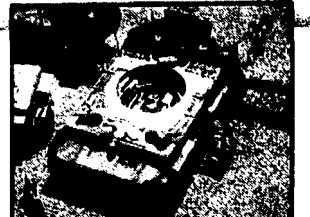
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## GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL

**Awards announced at basketball banquet****Gorski breaks GHS career assist record**

► Three Vikings earn all-conference honors; team named academic all-state

The Grayling High School boys basketball program recently announced its team award winners, all-conference honorees, and one all-state selection at its annual end-of-the-season awards banquet.

Senior guard Brad Gorski was named an all-state "honorable mention" by the *Detroit Free Press*, and earned a spot on the *Traverse City Record Eagle* all-region first team.

Gorski, who averaged 15.4 points per game and 11 assists per game, broke Gerry St. Germain's career assists mark at GHS this year with 237. Gorski finished his high school career with 217 deflec-

tions, third on the all-time list at Grayling.

Gorski, senior Levi Burkett, and senior Marcus Bobenmoyer all earned all-conference recognition this season. Gorski was named to the All-NEMC first team, Burkett made the all-conference second team, and Bobenmoyer garnered an "honorable mention."

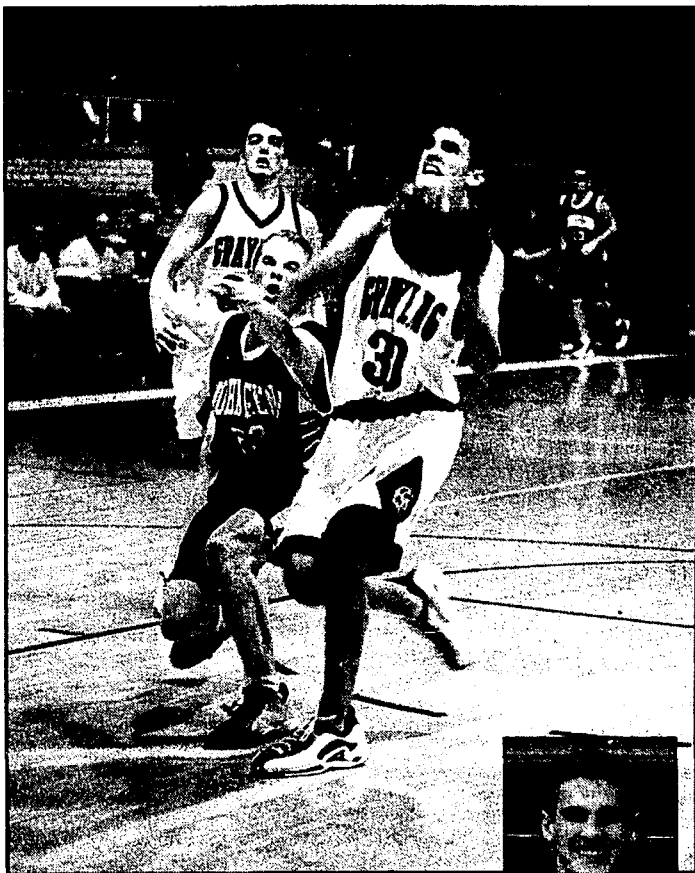
Team awards included:

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- Mr. Hustle – Dave Golnick;
- Most Improved – Marcus Marelich, R.J. Schmidt, Dan Mead.

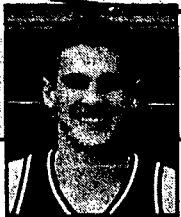
As a team, the Vikings qualified for a Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan academic all-state award by posting a 3.27 grade point average. "I think that's the highest GPA the team has had since I've been here," said Coach Rich Moffit.



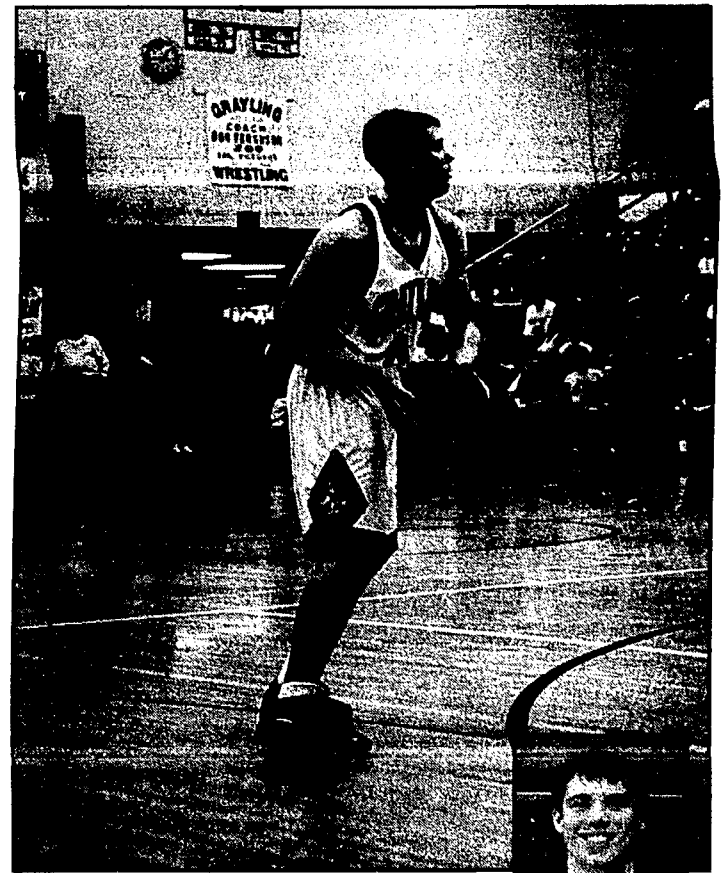
**Brad Gorski – Detroit Free Press All-State "Honorable Mention," Traverse City Record Eagle All-Region "First Team," All-Conference "First Team," GHS Most Valuable Player, new all-time assists leader at GHS**



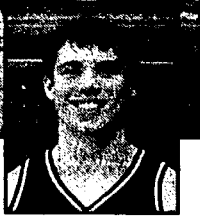
**Levi Burkett – All-Conference "First Team"**



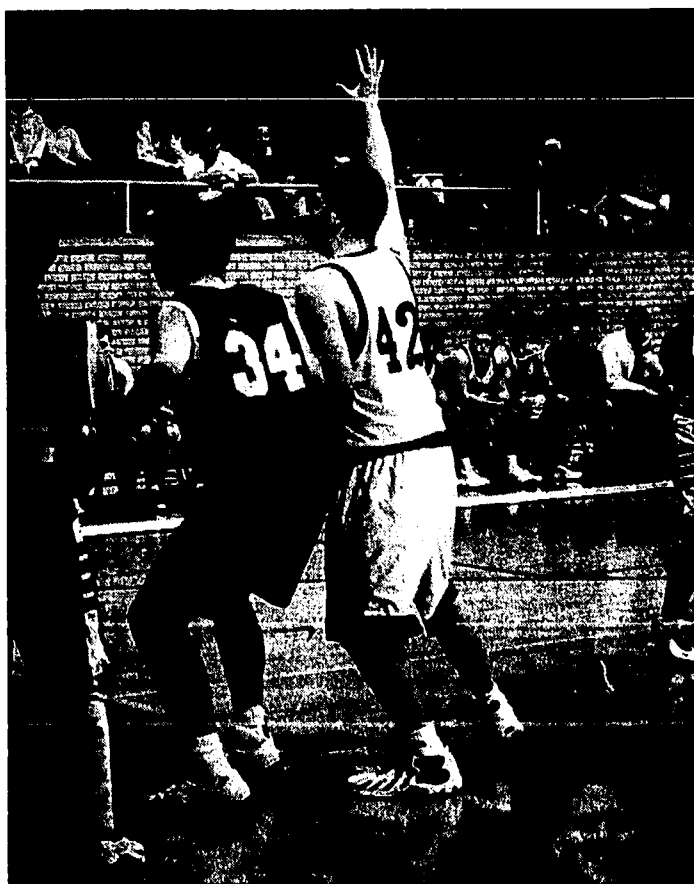
**Marcus Bobenmoyer – All-Conference "Honorable Mention"**



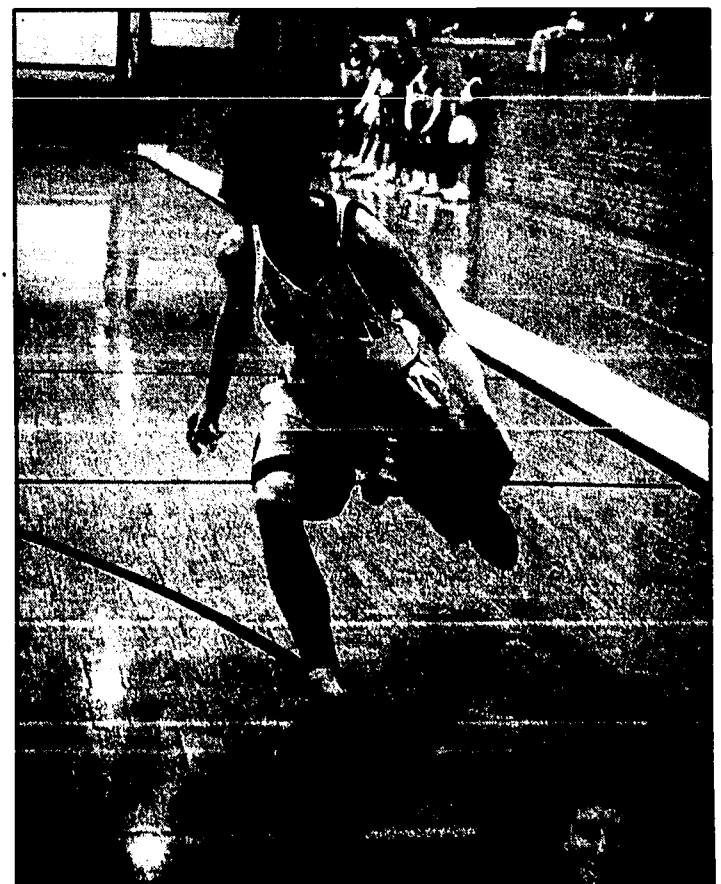
**Dave Golnick – GHS "Mr. Hustle"**



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# Local man's model is 'best of show'

► Dave Cueter of Grayling wins prizes with his detailed vehicle models

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

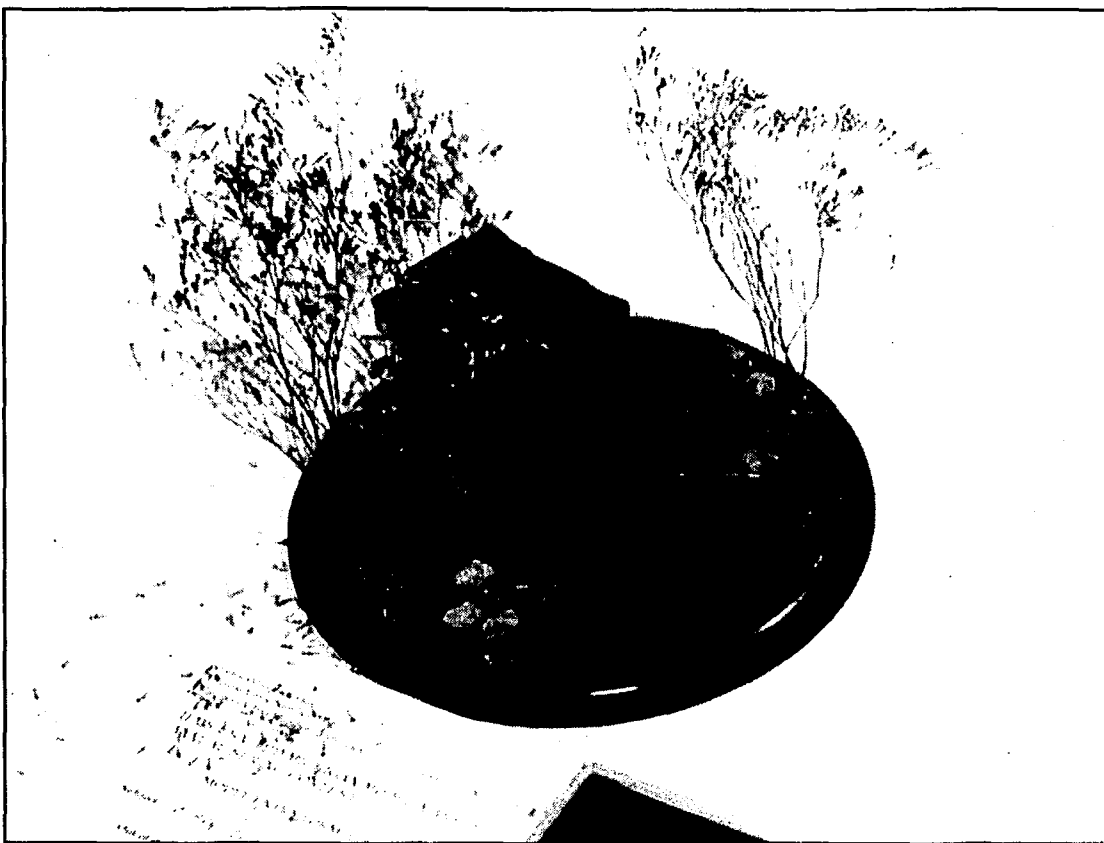
Dave Cueter of Grayling, a member of the National Guard for 17 years and an auto mechanic by trade (he owns Cueter's Automotive and Tire), has been building models for over 30 years. He has earned numerous awards at modeling shows over the years for his creations, including "best of show" honors at an event in Bay City two weekends ago.

"The contests are very fun," Cueter said. "It's a pretty interesting competition. Very friendly. It's like a big family of people who like to build models."

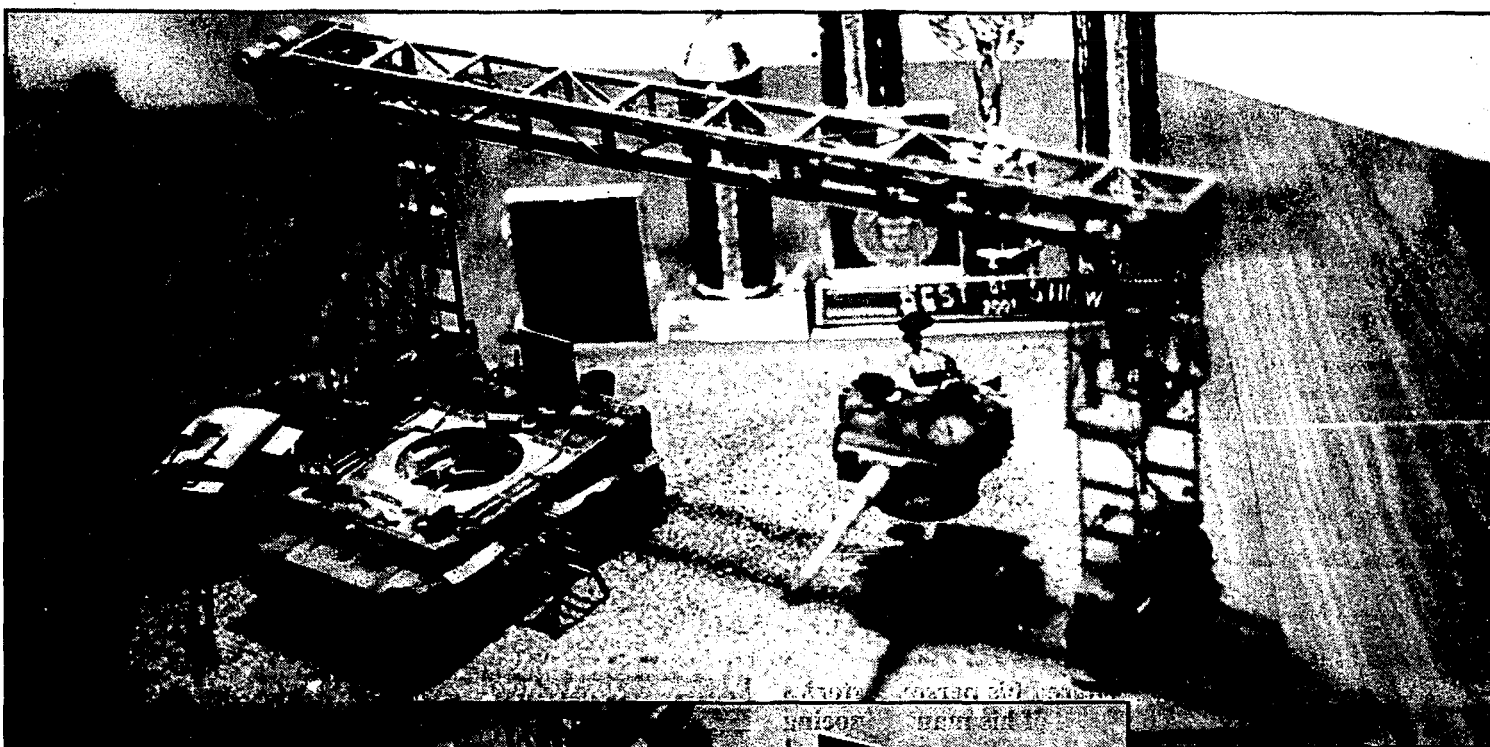
Shows feature models in several categories, including cars, (military) armor, ships, planes, science fiction, and dioramas (combinations or scenes).

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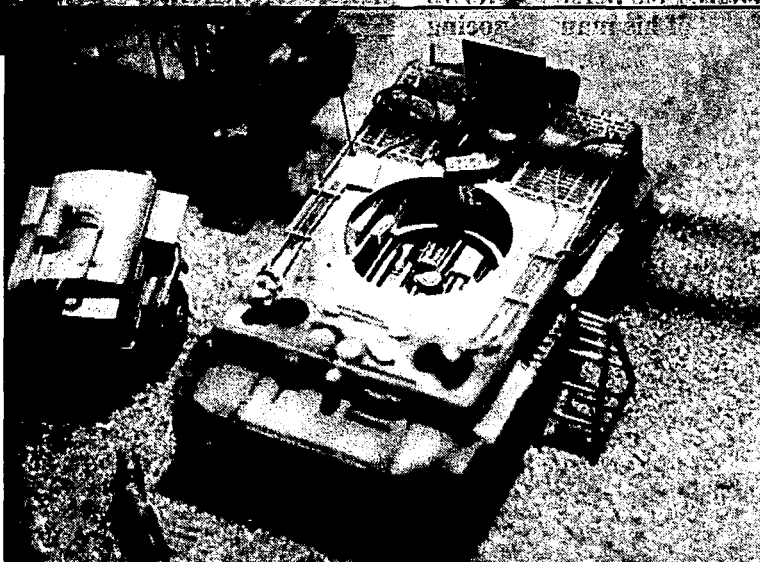
See "LOCAL MAN'S..."



Cueter's German half-track model, converted from a field artillery hauler kit, won a silver medal at a model show in Bay City.



(Above) Dave Cueter's diorama featuring a tank and crane, among other items, took "Best of Show" honors at a modeling show at the Bay City Armory two weeks ago. The display also won "Best Diorama (1/35th scale)" at the show. Cueter has been building models as a hobby for 34 years. (Right) A closer look at the tank model.



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# GRA spring soccer league to begin

► Registration is now underway for Grayling Recreation Authority program

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) spring soccer season is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 28. Games will be played at the Hanson Hills soccer fields on Saturday mornings beginning at 9 a.m. The season will last six weeks.

Early registration for this program is \$25 before 4 p.m. on April 20. Registration fee includes six games, medal, and certificate. A GRA reversible jersey is required for all GRA league players. If you

do not already own a jersey, one may be purchased through GRA for \$10.

GRA soccer is played at Hanson Hills and is not a travelling program. Leagues are organized for boys and girls for grades K-1, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-6th.

Late registrations will be accepted until 4 p.m., April 27 for \$30.

GRA programs emphasize fun and learning in a safe environment. "While we understand that winning is the primary goal of any competition, our focus is on developing skills rather than winning games," GRA said.

For more information on this and other programs offered through GRA, call (517) 348-9266.



GRA Soccer

# Local man's model is 'best of show'

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At Bay City, Cueter's diorama entry won best of show (out of about 2,000 entries). He also took seven gold medals, two silvers, a "best of category," and "best diorama."

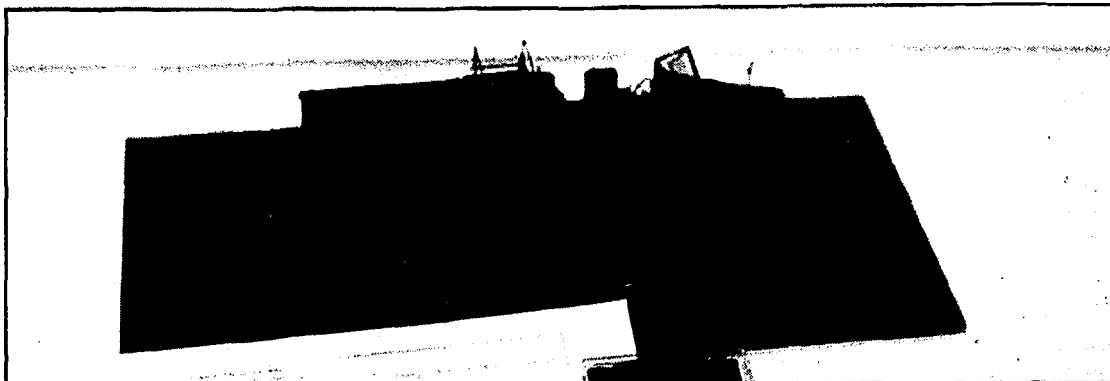
Many of Cueter's models are military-themed. His award-winning diorama featured a crane and tank, both incredibly detailed.

When building, he usually starts with a model kit, then customizes it to create an original model. He uses bits and pieces from other kits, combined with homemade parts, to create a finished product. Interiors of vehicles, especially, have to be custom-made and pieced together since the insides don't come with the kits.

The diorama took about three years to complete: a year-and-a-half for the crane and another year-and-a-half for the tank.

The crane was completely custom made; no kit exists to create it. Cueter is currently working with a model kit-making company to have his crane design produced as a kit.

Cueter turned his garage into a studio a few years ago, and works



This gold medal-winning model is a re-creation of the "biggest half-track the Germans ever made," said Cueter.

on his models there. He has been into model-making for about 34 years. (He is 42.)

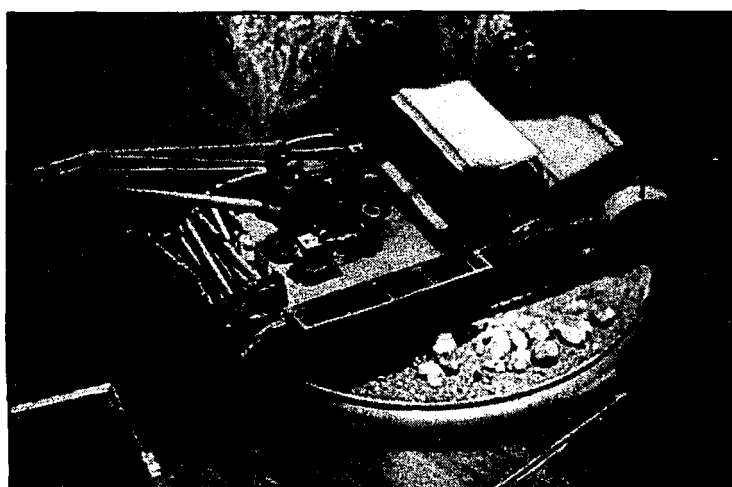
"I've been doing this for years and years and years," said Cueter, "ever since I was knee-high to a grasshopper."

When he was young, his father gave him a model kit, an ambulance, he believes. As he recalls, "Nothing went right. It didn't work out, and I threw it away."

After that, he stayed away from models for a few years, but his interest picked up later. He got into car models, then ships, then armor, and then back to cars. He later settled on vehicles and dioramas. Some of his models now sit in museum displays around the country.

He is now in the process of combining several models into one big scene for next year's show. Also, he is getting ready for Regionals. The awards he received at the Bay City show earned him an invitation to Regionals to be held in May. Regionals will include competitors from several states, and winners will have the opportunity to advance to the final show in California.

"I'm hoping to make it to California," Cueter said.



Photos courtesy of Dave Cueter

The kit for this vehicle came with a gun on the back, but Cueter converted it into a crane using other kits and home-made pieces. The model won a gold medal.

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# GHS football program to host golf scramble

► 1st annual event to take place on Saturday, April 28

The Grayling High School Football Program is now accepting registrations for its 1st Annual Golf Scramble to be held on Saturday, April 28, at the Grayling Country Club.

Registration is limited to the first 36 four-person teams to sign up. Entry fee will be \$50 per person (\$200 per team).

To register, return the attached application, with fee, to: Scott Cousineau, 188 Misty Way,

Grayling, MI, 49738; PH: 517-348-6937.

(Make checks payable to "Grayling Varsity Football.")

The fee includes 18 holes of golf (winter rules and golf course rules apply) and a chicken dinner catered by Grayling Country Club.

The event will include eight "money" holes: four "closest to the pin" on par three holes, and four "longest drive" holes. There will also be a raffle, drawings, and a 50/50.

The golf scramble will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, with a shotgun start. Teams must check in by 12:15 p.m.

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## Reading month an adventure for elementary kids



Photos courtesy of Grayling Elementary School

March was National Reading Month and students at Grayling Elementary were treated to special visitors such as *Buck Wilder* author, Tim Smith (above). Staff and students celebrated the AuSable River in many ways over the course of the month with this year's theme being "The River."



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High Series: L. Golnick, 551; S. Johnson, 541; J. Hinds, 517.

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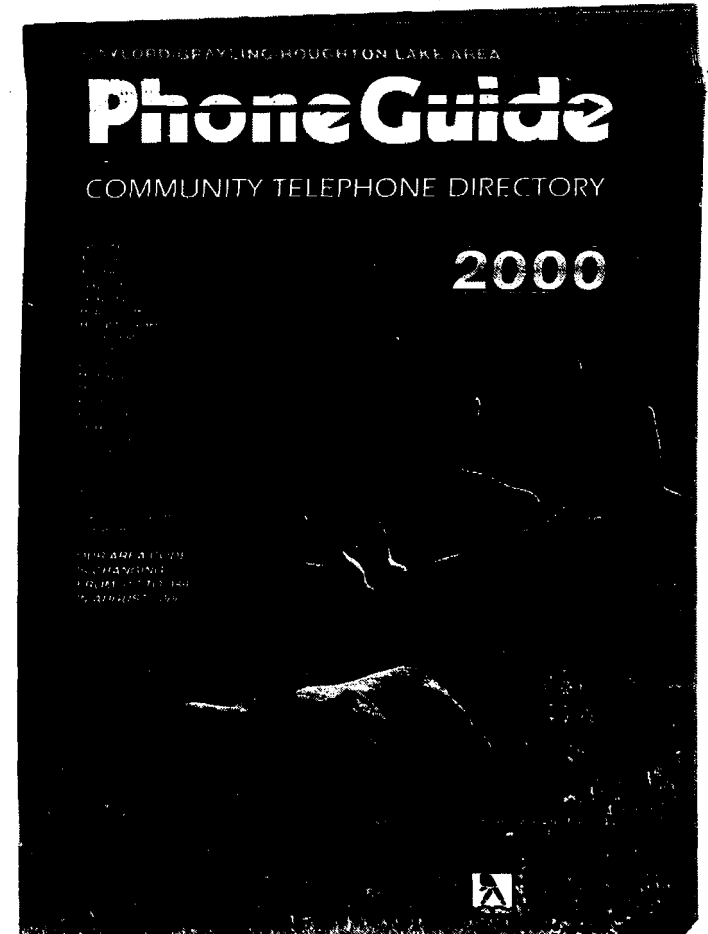
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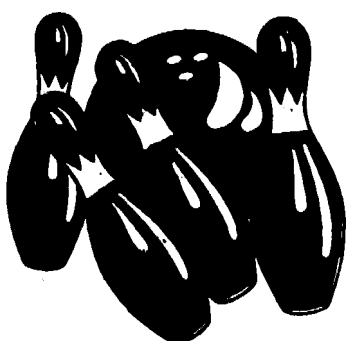
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam B. Baxendale and Jennifer A. Baxendale, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 7, 1999, and recorded on January 22, 1999 in Liber 422, on page 490. Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Old Kent Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated January 12, 1999, which was recorded on January 22, 1999, in Liber 422, on page 497. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND 13/100 dollars (\$51,433.13), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 23, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 10 and South 1/2 of Lot 11, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records. Subject to all conditions, restrictions, easements and limitations of record.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Edwin O. Brannan, a single man, to Abel Manufactured Housing, Inc., dated August 1, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 8, 1997, in Liber 435, Page(s) 272, and said Mortgage having been assigned to CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORPORATION FKA GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION, a Michigan Corporation, by Mortgage Assignment dated August 1, 1997 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, in the State of Michigan in Liber 435, Page(s) 279, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$70,062.41, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Mark A. Stephenson and Kathryn A. Stephenson to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated November 4, 1987, and recorded on November 4, 1987, in Liber 269, on page 365. Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 28/100 DOLLARS (\$83,513.28), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 30, 2001.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as follows: Lot 46, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2001  
United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture  
Mortgagee  
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## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 00-5255-CH  
Duane Lamotte and Brenda Lamotte, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,  
v.  
David Aitken, Defendant.  
Monte J. Burmeister P48732  
The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC  
108 E. Michigan Ave., P.O. Box 585  
Grayling, MI 49738  
PH: 517-348-7114

Default Judgement for Foreclosure  
At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 7 day of March, 2001.

Present: Honorable Alton T. Davis, Circuit Court Judge.

Based upon the filing of Plaintiff's Affidavit of Publication, and Defendant not filing an answer within the 28 days in accordance with the Affidavit of Publication and the court being fully apprised in the premises, now therefore,

It is ordered and adjudged: that there is due to the Plaintiff herein by virtue of a default in land contract between the Plaintiff

and the Defendant mentioned and set forth in said Complaint for Foreclosure the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and 91/100 (\$5,738.91), including interest through February 28, 2001, of \$286.90 and other allowable costs of \$239.71, and that said Defendant has not paid said sum or any part thereof and further that said Defendant is personally liable for the payment thereof; and

It is ordered and adjudged: that said defendant pay or cause to be paid to the Plaintiffs herein the entire amount of the unpaid balance of said Land Contract as set forth in the preceding paragraph, together with any other amounts due and owing to the Plaintiffs for payment of costs and expenses of this action twenty-one (21) days from the date of entry; and

It is ordered and adjudged: that if payment in full of the aforescribed balance as set forth above and costs of this action are not forthcoming from the Defendant to Plaintiffs herein, said Defendant shall deliver to Plaintiffs herein the premises so described in Paragraph three (3) of the Complaint for Foreclosure, that said premises in said Complaint in this action be sold at public auction by or under the direction of the Crawford County Clerk at any time after the date of March 30, 2001, and that said same be made in the County of Crawford.

It is further ordered and adjudged: that the Crawford County Clerk execute a deed to the purchaser or purchasers of said land and premises on the said sale; and the said Crawford County Clerk, out of the proceeds of said sale pay to Plaintiffs or Plaintiff's Attorney, costs in this suit to be taxed, and also the amount so ordered to be due as aforesaid, and the interest thereon at the legal rate from the date of this Judgment, or so much thereof as the amount realized from the sale of the premises as aforesaid will pay the same; and that said County Clerk, take receipt for the amount paid and file the same with report of such sale of her doings thereon; and that the Crawford County Clerk bring the surplus monies arising from said sale, if any there be, into this Court without delay to abide to the further order of this Court.

It is ordered and adjudged: that after the date of such sale, the purchaser or purchasers of the said described land and premises at such sale be let in possession or so much thereof as shall not have been redeemed; and that any of the parties to this cause who may be in possession of said premises; or any part thereof, or any person who since the commencement of this suit have come into possession under them or either of them, deliver possession thereof to such purchaser or purchasers and a certified copy of the order confirming the report of sale after such order has become absolute and such deed has become operative.

It is further ordered and adjudged: that the property authorized to be sold under and by virtue of this Judgment so far as the same can be ascertained from the Complaint for Foreclosure in this action are situated in the Township of Frederic County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to-wit:

Parcel 4: Being a part of the W1/2 section 24, T28N, R4W, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: commencing at the N1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence SO°28'30"E along the N & S 1/4 line, 1991.34 feet for point of beginning; thence continuing SO°28'30"E along said 1/4 line, 663.78 feet; thence N89°46'45"W along the E & W 1/4 line, 670.79 feet; thence NO°34'45"W, 664.21 feet; thence S89°44'37"E, 671.97 feet to point of beginning and contains 10.22 acres of land. Subject to a 33.0 foot easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Easterly portion thereof.

The grantor grants to the grantee the right to make unlimited division(s) under Section 108 of the Land Division Act, Act No. 288 of Public Acts of 1967.

It is further ordered and adjudged: that the sale price of said premises as public auction shall not be less than the sum of \$5,738.91.

It is ordered.  
Dated 3/7/01  
Honorable Alton T. Davis  
Circuit Court Judge  
P-24472

-5-12-19

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICK V. CORBIN AND DEBORAH K. CORBIN, FKA/DEBORAH K. LOVE, HUSBAND AND WIFE TO CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998 in Liber 466, Page 43 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to MANUFACTURERS & TRADER TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA., 1998-4, AGREEMENT DATED 12/1/98, by an assignment dated February 15, 2001, and recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, on page 552 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty two thousand three hundred thirty six and 75/100 Dollars (\$42,336.75), including interest at 11.450% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 18, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD County,

Michigan and are described as:

LOTS 229 AND 230, NORTHERN HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 02 OF PLATS, PAGE 27, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 15, 2001  
ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage  
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
For Information please call:  
(248) 540-7701  
MANUFACTURERS & TRADER TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA  
Assignee of Mortgage

-15-22-29-5-12

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Lynn Welch an unmarried man (original mortgagor) to Sterling Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1999, and recorded on February 9, 2000, in Liber 501, on Page 144. Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Residential Mortgage Services of Texas, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated February 29, 2000, which was recorded on May 2, 2000, in Liber 507, on Page 23. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 96/100 dollars (\$29,749.96), including interest at 11.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 2, of Brown and Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 21, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 29, 2001  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
248-593-1303  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200017365

-29-5-12-19-26

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert F. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403, on Page 201. Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND SEVENTY-FOUR AND 31/100 dollars (\$50,074.31), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 15, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
248-593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200113993

-15-22-29-5-12

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracy A. Chouinard a/k/a Tracy A. Renaud, a married woman and Benedict E. Chouinard her husband (original mortgagors) to Delta Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1999, and recorded on May 28, 1999 in Liber 482, on Page 379. Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to BA Mortgage, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America, N.A.) successor in interest by merger of Nationsbank Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated March 2, 1997, which was recorded on April 23, 1997, in Liber 428, on Page 568. Crawford County Records, and re-recorded on May 27, 1997, in Liber 430, on Page 396. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT AND 89/100 dollars (\$84,498.89), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 2, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11, thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes East along the North Section line of said Section 11, to the center line of Old State Highway U.S. 27 for point of beginning, thence continuing North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 260.74 feet, thence South 07 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East 178.90 feet, thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West 260.74 feet to the center line of Old State Highway U.S. 27, thence North 07 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West along the center line of said highway 178.90 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2001  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
248-593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200016010

-22-29-5-12-19

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Malady, a single man, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated August 7, 1998 and recorded October 2, 1998 in Liber 464, Page 356-365, Crawford County Records said mortgage is now held by First Union National Bank, as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, without recourse, by assignment dated August 13, 1998 and submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 55/100 Dollars (\$37,458.55) including interest at the rate of 9.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 25, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 132 feet East of the Northwest corner of NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 3; thence South 330 feet; thence East 229.5 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 229.5 feet to the point of beginning, Section 3, T26N, R2W.

The redemption period shall be 6 months can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party

buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 22, 2001  
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for First Union National Bank, as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, without recourse.  
As Mortgagee  
2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 221.0001

-22-29-5-12-19

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David R. Shriver and Teresa L. Shriver, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Midwest Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 1996, and recorded on October 16, 1996 in Liber 419, on page 437. Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to BA Mortgage, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America, N.A.) successor in interest by merger of Nationsbank Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated March 2, 1997, which was recorded on April 23, 1997, in Liber 428, on Page 568. Crawford County Records, and re-recorded on May 27, 1997, in Liber 430, on Page 396. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT AND 89/100 dollars (\$84,498.89), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 46, Sherwood Forest #2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2001  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
248-593-1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200024247

-22-29-5-12-19

## STATUTORY NOTICE (BY PERSON CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED)

To the owner of any and all interests in or liens upon the property described:

Take Notice: Sale was lawfully made of the following described property for unpaid taxes on that property, and that the undersigned has title to the property under tax deed or deeds issued for the property. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this property within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the property is located, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as for personal service of a summons on commencing a civil action, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the property.

Description of property State of Michigan, County of Crawford:

Lot 96 010-14-151-00-00-00, Lovells Township, Creekview #2. Town 28, Range 1W. \$127.92, taxes for years 1995, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

This parcel is not an improved residential parcel.

Warbler's Hideaway Association  
2704 Lovells Rd.  
Grayling, MI 49738

To: Thomas Allen, 66 Beard Road, Roundup, MT 59072-6630, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such property or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

I do hereby certify and return, that the within Notice was delivered to me for service on the 12th day of March 2001, and that after careful inquiry, which has been continued from that time until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of 66 Beard Road, Roundup, MT 59072-6630.

Dated March 26, 2001  
Christina M. Bassett  
Confidential Secretary to Sheriff of said County.

-5-12-19-26

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Grayling Township will host a public hearing on Wednesday, April 25, to receive comments on the Four Mile Road Commercial/Industrial Development Planning Project which has been under way since August of 2000.

Representatives from Capital Consultants Engineers and Wells/Mansfield, Inc. will be on hand to explain the scope of the project as it has developed, including the plan for land use, infrastructure development, and marketing.

This hearing will be for the purposes of disseminating information to, and gathering information from the public. No decisions will be made by the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees or any other elected or appointed body. The public is encouraged to attend and will be given time to state their concerns.

The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Township meeting room, located within the township offices at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. For further information, please contact Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor, at (989) 348-4361 during normal business hours.



# PUBLIC NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS FOR ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON MAY 2, 2001, 7:00 P.M. THE CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION.

THE COUNTY BUILDING IS LOCATED AT 200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738. A LIST OF THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP AT THE BUILDING & ZONING DEPT. COUNTER AS OF THIS NOTICE.

April 4, 2001  
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING DATE - MAY 2, 2001 OUTLINE FOR PUBLISHING TEXT & GENERAL CIRCULATION

## List Of The Proposed Changes Within The Zoning Ordinance

### SECTION 2.02 - Definitions

**Mobile Home (rev 5/29/01)** - A dwelling unit manufactured in one or more sections, designed for year-round, temporary or transient dwelling purposes, capable of being transported upon its own or a separate wheeled chassis, not motorized or self-propelled, built for the purpose of being located in a licensed mobile home park, meets the requirements of the FRA Standards of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to be no older than seven (7) years of age upon year applicant applies for permit, and installed in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance and the Construction Code.

**Sawmill/Wood Product Manufacturer (rev 5/29/01)** - Means establishments primarily engaged in sawing rough lumber and timber from logs and bolts, including establishments primarily engaged in producing lathe and railroad ties, wood chips, fence lathe.

### SECTION 4.05 B. 2 - Mobile Homes as Accessory Dwellings (rev 5/29/01 A. & B.)

A. Mobile homes used for this purpose shall be limited to only one (1) per each forty (40) acres of a farm parcel.  
B. Mobile homes shall be no older than seven (7) years of age upon year applicant applies for permit and have a minimum HUD roof/unit seal for the appropriate Michigan Zone or greater as identified by current Michigan State B.O.C.A. code.

### SECTION 4.06 - Dimensional Requirements

**D. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)** The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

### SECTION 5.05 - Permitted Accessory Uses with Conditions

**B. Mobile Homes as Accessory Dwellings (rev 10/29/97 d.) (rev 5/29/01 d. e.)**

d. Permitted accessory uses with conditions shall comply with Section 20.06(H) e. Must comply with Section 4.05(B)(2)(b)  
C. **Mobile Homes as Accessory Buildings (rev 10/29/97) (rev 5/29/01)** Must comply with Section(s) 4.05(B)(2)(b), 5.05(B)(1)(d), and 20.06(H).

### SECTION 5.06 - Dimensional Requirements

**D. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)** The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

### SECTION 5.08 - A/S Agricultural/Sawmill District (rev 5/29/01)

A. **Purpose** - In Crawford County, sawmills or wood product manufacturers have operated in the past and may have been created or expanded contrary to past county zoning. It is the purpose of this zoning district to give those operations an opportunity to continue in a limited way, if they apply and qualify, as a special use by meeting all of the requirements of Article XVII and the requirements of Section 5.08(C)(2).

B. **Permitted Principal Uses** - All of the permitted principal uses for the agricultural residential district are hereby incorporated by reference.

C. **Permitted Principal Special Uses With Conditions** - The following special uses of land, buildings and structures are permitted, subject to the provisions of Article XVII, "special uses":

1. All of the permitted principal special uses with conditions listed in Section 5.03.

2. Sawmill/Wood Product Manufacturer A. The minimum lot size shall be ten (10) acres.

B. The sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall have been operating substan-

tially and continuously from a date prior to the date of this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

C. All waste materials must be disposed of on a monthly or more frequent basis, and there shall be no piles of wood waste allowed to accumulate.

D. No open burning of materials or waste associated with the sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall take place on site or off site in any A/S or AR zoning district.

E. No more than one single-family dwelling shall be on site. The allowed single family dwelling must be occupied by an owner or operator of the sawmill/wood product manufacturer.

F. The time of operation of all equipment and deliveries shall be limited to the following days and hours:

Monday through Saturday - 6:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. No operation is allowed on Sundays, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

G. There shall be no storage or operations which are visible from neighboring private properties or public roads. To accomplish this the site shall be landscaped, bermed, or otherwise developed to screen from view all storage, equipment, and all outdoor activities of the sawmill/wood product manufacturer.

H. All buildings associated with the sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall be enclosed with walls, doors or windows and shall be sited to have the main door or doors, other than "man" doors, facing away from side lot lines and public roads.

I. The sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall be operated to prevent any noise disturbance to surrounding properties.

J. There shall be no more than 4 buildings of 2000 square foot total maximum square footage associated with the sawmill/wood product manufacturer.

K. An applicant must first meet with the township board of the township where the property is located and have them review and comment.

L. Inability to show probable compliance with any of these requirements is grounds for denial of the special use application or the site plan. Inability to show actual compliance is grounds for a suspension or revocation of the special use permit.

D. **Permitted Accessory Uses** - All permitted accessory uses listed in Section 5.04 are permitted in this district.

E. **Permitted Accessory Uses With Conditions** - All permitted accessory uses with conditions listed in Section 5.05 are permitted with those same conditions in this district.

### F. Dimensional Requirements

1. **Lot Area:** A permitted parcel shall have a minimum of 10 acres in area, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.

2. **Lot Width:** A minimum of 330 feet at the building required set back line is required.

3. **Lot Coverage:** Maximum of 20%.

4. **First Floor Area:** The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories. The minimum first-floor area of any building associated with the sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall be 924 square feet.

### 5. Yard And Setback Requirements:

A. **Front Yard:** minimum of 50 feet from the road right-of-way line.

B. **Side Yard:** minimum of 50 feet for each side yard.

C. **Rear Yard:** minimum of 50 feet.

6. **Height Limitations:** Maximum of thirty-five (35) feet for all dwellings and a maximum of twenty-five (25) feet for all buildings accessory to dwellings; maximum of forty-five (45) feet for all agricultural buildings, except for grain elevators, silos, and windmills, which shall not exceed 120 feet in height; and a maximum of twenty-five (25) feet for all sawmills/wood product manufacturer buildings, and such exceptions as provided in Section 20.17.

G. **Site Development Requirements** - Developments in this district shall meet the requirements specified in Section 4.07.

### SECTION 6.05 - Dimensional Requirements

**D. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)** The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

### SECTION 7.06 - Dimensional Requirements

**E. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)** The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

### SECTION 8.06 - Dimensional Requirements

**E. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)** The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

### SECTION 9.06 - Dimensional Requirements

**D. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)** The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

### SECTION 17.02 - Mobile Home Parks (rev 5/29/01 Q.)

Q. For Mobile Home Zoning, refer to Section 4.05(B)(2)(B).

### SECTION 17.10 - Mobile Homes Located Outside of a Mobile Home Park Including Trailers, Motor Homes and Recreation Vehicles (rev 5/29/01 E.)

F. For Mobile Home Zoning, refer to Section 4.05(B)(2)(B).

### SECTION 19.07 - Change To Another Lesser Nonconforming Use

B. **Mobile Homes (rev 5/29/01)** The replacement of a legal nonconforming mobile home with another legal nonconforming mobile home, utilizing Section 19.07 and must meet special conditions required in this section.

Special conditions required in this section pertaining to mobile homes.

1. Replacement of a legal nonconforming mobile home to a mobile home with a minimum of 924 sq. Ft. (14'x70')

2. A maximum age of a replacement mobile home is seven years of age upon year applicant applies for permit.

3. Application must be made by the homeowner residing at the location in question.

4. In no case shall this process be utilized to establish or perpetuate rental housing.

5. When a previously used mobile home is proposed utilizing this Section (19.07), the mobile home must secure all required permits and shall be inspected to verify compliance with all applicable codes.

H. Accessory buildings shall be for the storage of vehicles, materials, animals and other things incidental to the principal use of the property, and shall not be composed of items intended for other activities, such as truck bodies, semi trailers, school bus bodies, mobile homes, or other items built and intended for other uses like the aforementioned residence in areas so designated in the ordinance. Thus, mobile homes are considered residences, which are principal uses on lots in residential zoning districts.

Mobile homes are clearly intended as residences and are thereby a principal structure in a zoning district under the ordinance. Their design and function as well as name implies they are to be used for habitation. Thus mobile homes are the principal structure and can not be considered as an accessory building.

I. All accessory buildings must comply with Section 3.12.

### SECTION 20.42 - Dwelling Unit Cross-section and Floor Area Requirements (rev 10/29/97) (rev 5/29/01)

In all RD-R, RR, LDR and MDR Districts adjacent to lakes, rivers and streams, all dwelling units shall have at least one (1) cross section of at least twenty-four (24) feet and at least one (1) portion of the ground floor area shall have an area at least twenty-four (24) feet by twenty-four (24) feet. In all RD-R, RR, LDR and MDR Districts not adjacent to lakes, rivers, and streams all dwelling units shall have at least one (1) cross section of at least twenty (20) feet and at least one (1) portion of the ground floor area shall have an area at least twenty (20) feet by twenty-four (24) feet. In the RD-E, RD-M and RD-F Districts, Mobile Homes must have a HUD roof / unit seal for the appropriate Michigan zone, or greater, as identified by current Michigan State B.O.C.A. code and a minimum of 924 square feet will be permitted.

### SECTION 20.48 - Ratio Of Floor Areas Of Accessory Structures To The Principal Structures (rev 5/29/01)

Each accessory structure located on a residential lot or parcel, including accessory pole barns, shall in total floor area, not exceed the square footage of the floor area of the principal residential structure, or conform to all the requirements within Section 20.06 C.

### SECTION 20.50 - Minimum Floor Area Exceptions for Accessory Structures (rev 5/29/01)

Applicant for accessory buildings must obtain permit prior to starting construction. Exception, work exempt from permit by the current adopted enabling authority, the State of Michigan B.O.C.A. code.

### SECTION 20.51 - Guest House Accessory Living Quarters (rev 5/29/01)

An accessory building used solely as the temporary dwelling of guests of the occupants of the premises; such dwelling having no kitchen facilities and not rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling unit, may be permitted under Special Uses, Article XVII with additional conditions.

A. River frontage property buildings require 200 feet of river frontage per one (1) cabin.

B. Non river-front property identified by the zoning district map will require (2) times the minimum area referenced by the Zoning Ordinance.

C. Guest house accessory living quarters shall, in total floor area, not be less than 480 square feet, nor exceed eighty (80) percent of the gross floor area of the principle residential structure.

### SECTION 20.52 - Camping On Unimproved Properties (rev 5/29/01)

Camping is permitted in AR, RD, RR, LDR, MDR, HDR and MFR districts on properties which are considered suitable for building in the respective districts.

The camper must be occupied while on site, for a maximum of forty-five (45) days per year, with a thirty (30) day off-site requirement for additional camping time. The camper must comply with Michigan Vehicle Code for use on public highways and be equipped with self-

contained sanitary facilities, or have an improved lot with sanitation facilities approved by the health department.

### SECTION 20.53 - Telecommunications Facilities (rev 5/29/01)

#### 1. Purpose:

The general purpose of this article is to regulate the placement, construction and modification of transmission towers and telecommunications facilities in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; while at the same time not unreasonably interfering with the development of the competitive wireless telecommunications marketplace in Crawford County, Michigan. Specifically, the purposes of this article are:

A. To regulate the location of transmission towers and telecommunications facilities in the county;

B. To protect residential areas and land uses from potential adverse impact of transmission towers and telecommunications facilities;

C. To minimize adverse visual impacts of transmission towers and telecommunications facilities through careful design, siting, landscaping and innovative camouflaging techniques;

D. To encourage shared use/co-location of transmission towers and antenna support structures as the primary option rather than construction of additional single-use transmission towers.

E. To avoid potential damage to property caused by transmission towers and telecommunications facilities by ensuring such structures are soundly and carefully designed, constructed, modified, maintained and removed when no longer used or determined to be structurally unsound; and

F. To ensure that transmission towers and telecommunications facilities are compatible with surrounding land uses. Nothing in this article shall apply to amateur radio antennas, or facilities, used exclusively for the transmission of television or radio signals.

#### 2. Definitions:

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

A. **Ancillary facilities** - means the buildings, cabinets, vaults, closures and equipment required for operation of telecommunication systems including but not limited to repeaters, equipment housing and ventilation and other mechanical equipment.

B. **Antennas** - means an electrical conductor or group of electrical conductors that transmit or receive radio waves, excluding amateur radio antennas.

C. **Antenna support structure** - means any building or other structure other than a transmission tower which can be used for location of telecommunications facilities.

D. **Applicant** - means any person that applies for a transmission tower development permit.

E. **Application** - means the process by which the owner of a parcel of land within the county submits a request to develop, construct, build, modify, or erect a transmission tower upon such parcel of land. Application includes all written documentation, verbal statements and representations, in whatever form or forum, made by an applicant to the county concerning such a request.

F. **Attachment** - means an antenna or other piece of related equipment affixed to a transmission tower, building, light or utility pole or water tower.

G. **County-owned facilities** - means any structures, buildings or land owned by Crawford County or its assigns.

H. **Co-location** - means placement of an antenna on an existing transmission tower, building, light or utility pole or water tower where the antenna and all supports are located on the existing structure.

I. **Engineer** - means any engineer licensed by the State of Michigan.

J. **Owner** - means any person with title; a land contract purchaser's interest, a long-term (exceeding 10 years) leasehold to any parcel of land within the county who desires to develop, construct, build, modify, or erect a transmission tower upon such parcel of land.

K. **Person** - is any natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or other legal entity, private or public, whether for profit or not for profit.

L. **Provider** - means a person in the business of designing and using telecommunication facilities including cellular radiotelephones personal communications services, enhanced/specialized mobile radios, and commercial paging services.

M. **Stealth** - means any transmission tower or telecommunications facility which is designed to enhance compatibility with adjacent land uses, including, but not limited to, architecturally screened roof-mounted antennas, elements integrated into architectural elements, and transmission towers designed to look other than like a transmission tower such as light poles, power poles and trees. The term "stealth" does not necessarily exclude the use of uncamouflaged lattice, guyed or monopole transmission tower designs.

N. **Telecommunications facilities** - means any cables, wires, lines, wave guides, antennas and any other equipment or facilities associated with the transmission or reception of communications which a person seeks to locate or has installed upon or near a transmission

tower or antenna support structure. However, the term telecommunications facilities shall not include any satellite earth station antenna one meter or less in diameter, regardless of zoning category.

O. **Transmission tower** - means the monopole or lattice framework designed to support transmitting and receiving antennas. For the purposes of this section, amateur radio transmission facilities and facilities used exclusively for the transmission of television and radio signals are not "transmission towers."

Transmission towers include:

1. **Guyed tower** - a tower which is supported by the use of cables (guy wires) which are permanently anchored;

2. **Lattice tower** - a tower characterized by an open framework of lateral cross members which stabilize the tower; and

3. **Monopole** - a single upright pole, engineered to be self supporting and not require lateral cross supports or guys.

#### 3. Siting Restrictions:

A. No telecommunication facility or transmission tower, as defined in this article, may be constructed, modified to increase its height, installed or otherwise located within the county except as provided in this article. Depending on the type and location of the telecommunication facility, the telecommunication facility shall be either a permitted use, subject to building review procedures, or a special use.

B. **Permitted Uses:** No special use permit is required for a telecommunication facility or transmission tower which, pursuant to Sections 20.53.4 through 20.53.6 of this article, is a permitted use. Such telecommunication facilities shall require a building / zoning permit or permits and shall be processed in accordance with established administrative policies.

C. **Special Use Permit:** A telecommunication facility or transmission tower, which pursuant to Sections 20.53.4 through 20.53.6 of this article, requires a special use permit, shall be processed in accordance with the special use permit procedures of Article XVII of this ordinance and in accordance with established administrative policies. The criteria contained in Article XVII of this ordinance and Sections 20.53.7 and 20.53.9 of this article shall govern approval or denial of the special use permit application. In the event of a conflict in criteria, the criteria contained in Sections 20.53.8 and 20.53.9 of this article shall govern. No building permit shall be issued prior to completion of this special use permit process, including any appeals.

#### 4. Co-Location Of Additional Antennas On Existing Transmission Towers:

A. **Permitted Use:** Co-location of an additional antenna on an existing transmission tower shall be considered a permitted use in property zoned HC or I, or if the transmission tower is in any other zoning district, and the county specifically approved, as part of a special use permit process authorizing the original transmission tower to which the co-location of additional antennas is being considered.

B. **Special Use:** Co-location of an additional antenna on an existing transmission tower shall require a special use permit in property zoned RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, CSC, or HSC and approval for co-location was not granted through a prior special use permit process.

#### 5. Co-Location Of Antennas On Existing Buildings, Light Poles, Utility Poles And Water Towers:

A. In addition to co-location on an existing transmission tower, an antenna may be co-located on existing buildings, light poles, utility poles and water towers.

B. **Permitted Use:** Such co-location on a building, light pole, utility pole, or water tower, shall be considered a permitted use provided that the antennas and ancillary facilities comply with all applicable building codes, the color of the antennas blends in with the existing structure and surroundings, the antennas do not exceed the height limitation of the zoning district, and the property is zoned HC or I.

C. **Special Use:** Such co-location on a building, light pole, utility pole, or water tower shall require a special use permit if property is zoned RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, CSC, or HSC. Said antenna(s) shall not exceed the building height allowed in the zone, or 18 feet above the structure, whichever is less. Said antenna(s) shall project no more than two (2) feet away from the existing structure, and the color of the antenna(s) shall blend in with the existing structure and surroundings.

#### 6. Construction Of New Transmission Towers:

Construction of a transmission tower or a modification of an existing transmission tower to increase its height shall be allowed as follows.

A. **Permitted Use:** Such construction or modification shall be considered a permitted use in zones HC and I.

B. **Special Use:** Such construction or modification shall require a special use permit in zones HC and I, but only in the following locations.

1. Religious institutions, but only when designed as a steeple, bell tower or similar accessory structure compatible with the primary use on the property.

2. Parks.

3. Government, public utility or public school sites.

4. Such construction or modification shall also require a special permit in zones RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, LSC and HSC.

C. No new transmission tower shall be built, constructed or erected in the county unless the transmission tower is capable

of supporting another firm's operating telecommunications facilities comparable in weight, size and surface area to the telecommunications facilities installed or the applicant's transmission tower within six (6) months of the completion of the transmission tower construction pursuant to Section 20.53.8(C).

#### 7. Application Requirements:

A. **Co-Location Of Antennas:** In addition to standard building permit application material, an applicant for the co-location of antennas on existing transmission towers or on existing buildings, light poles, utility poles or water towers shall submit the following information. Additional application material is required, as specified in Section 20.53.7(C) below, for applications requiring a special use permit.

1. A description of the proposed antenna's location, design and height.

2. Documentation from an engineer demonstrating compliance with non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation (NIER) emissions standards as set forth by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) particularly with respect to any habitable areas within the structure or which the antennas are co-located, or in structures within five hundred (500) feet of the tower property.

3. Documentation from an engineer that placement of the antenna is designed to allow future co-location of additional antennas if technologically possible.

4. Documentation from an engineer that the ancillary facilities will not produce sound levels in excess of those standards specified in Section 20.53.8(F) of this article, or designs showing how the sound is to be effectively muffled and reduced pursuant to those standards.

5. Plans showing the connection to utilities, right-of-way cuts required, ownership of utilities and easements required.

6. Documents demonstrating that necessary easements have been obtained.

7. Access to site must conform with Section 4.07.

8. Transmitting site shall conform with Section 4.03(A)(5).

9. Documents demonstrating that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reviewed and approved the proposal. Alternatively, when a special use permit process is required, submit a statement documenting that notice of the proposal has been submitted to the FAA. The special use permit process may proceed and approval may be granted for the proposal as submitted, subject to FAA approval. If FAA approval requires any changes involving increased height or additional lighting other than as initially approved, then that initial special use permit approval shall be void. A new application will need to be submitted, reviewed and approved through an additional special use permit process. No building permit application shall be submitted without documents demonstrating FAA review and approval.

10. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all owners of the other transmission towers or usable antenna support structures within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

11. An affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant made diligent, but unsuccessful efforts for permission to co-locate the applicant's antennas on state, city, village, township, or county-owned facilities or usable antenna support structures located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

12. An affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant made diligent, but unsuccessful efforts to co-locate the applicant's antennas on existing towers or usable antenna support structures owned by other persons located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

13. Written technical evidence (including applicable propagation studies) from an engineer that the proposed antenna cannot be co-located on another person's transmission tower or usable antenna support structure located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed site because of the coverage requirements of the applicant's communications system.

14. Each application to allow co-location of antennas shall include a written statement from an engineer that the construction and placement and proposed use of the antennas will not interfere with public safety communications and the usual and customary transmission or reception of radio, television or other communications service enjoyed by adjacent residential and non-residential properties.

#### B. Installation, Construction Or Increasing The Height Of Transmission Towers:

In addition to standard building permit application material, an applicant seeking to construct, install, or increase the height of a transmission tower shall submit the following information. Additional application material is required, as specified in Section 20.53.7(C) below, for applications requiring a special use permit.

1. A description of the proposed transmission tower location, design and height.

2. The capacity of the transmission tower in terms

other users, provided all safety, structural and technological requirements are met. This agreement shall also state that any future owners or operators will allow co-location on the transmission tower.

5. Documentation from an engineer that the ancillary facilities will not produce sound levels in excess of those standards specified in Section 20.53.8 of this article, or designs showing how the sound is to be effectively muffled and reduced pursuant to those standards.

6. Plans showing the connection to utilities, right-of-way cuts required, ownership of utilities and easements required.

7. Documents demonstrating that necessary easements have been obtained.

8. Site plan shall show access and turn around conforming with Section 4.07.

9. Documents demonstrating that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reviewed and approved the proposal. Alternatively, when a special use permit process is required, submit a statement documenting that notice of the proposal has been submitted to the FAA. The special use permit process may proceed and approval may be granted for the proposal as submitted, subject to FAA approval. If FAA approval requires any changes involving increased height or additional lighting other than as initially approved, then that initial special use permit approval shall be void. A new application will need to be submitted, reviewed and approved through an additional special use permit process. No building permit application shall be submitted without documents demonstrating FAA review and approval.

10. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of all owners of other transmission towers or usable antenna support structures within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed new transmission tower site, including public-owned property.

11. A notarized affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant made diligent, but unsuccessful efforts for permission to install or co-locate the applicant's telecommunications facilities on public-owned facilities or usable antenna support structures located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

12. A notarized affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant made diligent, but unsuccessful efforts to install or co-locate the applicant's telecommunications facilities on transmission towers or usable antenna support structures owned by other persons located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

13. Written, technical evidence from an engineer (including propagation studies) that the proposed transmission tower or telecommunications facilities cannot be installed or co-located on another person's transmission tower or usable antenna support structure located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site because of the coverage requirements of the applicant's communications system.

14. Each application to allow construction of a transmission tower shall include a written statement from an engineer that the construction and placement of the transmission tower will not interfere with public safety communications and the usual and customary transmission or reception of radio television, or other communications service enjoyed by adjacent residential and non-residential properties.

**C. Special Use Permit Applications:** In addition to the application requirements specified in Sections 20.53.7(A) and 20.53.7(B) above, and Article XVII, applications for special use permits also shall include the following information:

1. Documentation (including propagation studies) from an engineer that alternative sites within a radius of at least one-half (1/2) mile have been considered and have been determined to be technologically not feasible or unavailable.

2. A current overall system plan for the county, showing facilities presently constructed or approved and future expansion plans.

3. A statement providing the reasons for the location, design and height of the proposed transmission tower or antennas.

**8. Standards For Transmission Towers And Antennas:**

Installation, construction or modification of all transmission towers and antennas shall comply with the following standards, unless a waiver is obtained pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.53.10 of this article.

**A. Separation Between Transmission Towers:** No transmission tower may be constructed within one-half (1/2) mile of any existing transmission tower. Tower separations shall be measured by following a straight line from the portion of the base of the proposed transmission tower which is closest to the base of any pre-existing transmission tower. For purposes of this paragraph, an existing tower shall include any transmission towers existing at the time of adoption of this ordinance, or transmission towers for which the county has issued a building permit, or for which an application has been filed and not denied. Transmission towers constructed or approved prior to May 1, 2000 may be modified to accommodate additional providers consistent with provisions for co-locations in this section.

**B. Height Limitation:** Transmission tower heights shall be governed by this section except as provided for below.

1. If located within zone HC or I, the maximum height of a transmission tower, including antennas, is two hundred fifty (250) feet, unless a waiver is granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.53.10 of this article.

2. If located within zone HSC, or CSC, the maximum height of a transmission tower, including antennas, is two hundred fifty (250) feet, unless a waiver is granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.53.10 of this article.

3. If located within zone RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, CSC, NSC, the maximum height of a transmission tower, including antennas, is two hundred fifty (250) feet, unless a waiver is granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.53.10 of this article.

4. Transmission towers shall comply with the Crawford County Airport Zoning Ordinance.

**C. Co-Location:** New transmission towers shall be designed to accommodate co-location of additional providers:

1. New transmission towers of a height of two hundred fifty (250) feet or more shall be designed to accommodate co-location of a minimum of four (4) additional providers either outright or through future modification to the transmission tower.

2. New transmission towers of a height of at least one hundred fifty (150) feet and no more than two hundred fifty (250) feet shall be designed to accommodate co-location of a minimum of two (2) additional providers either outright or through future modification to the transmission tower.

**D. Setback:** The following setbacks from property lines and, street right-of-way lines shall be required unless a waiver is granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 24.10:

1. In all zoning districts, the transmission tower shall be set back from property lines of the parcel on which they are located, a minimum number of feet that is equal to the height of the transmission tower.

2. If the transmission tower is located on a parcel in any non-residential zone which abuts residentially zoned property, the transmission tower shall be set back from the adjacent residentially zoned property line a minimum number of feet that is equal to the height of the transmission tower.

3. In all zones, transmission towers shall be set back from the edge of adjacent public street rights-of-way a minimum number of feet that is equal to the height of the transmission tower.

**E. Buffering:** In all zoning districts, existing vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible. In all zoning districts, landscaping may be placed

completely around the transmission tower and ancillary facilities located at ground level except as required to access the facility.

**F. Noise Reduction:** In zone RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, CSC and HSC, and in all other zoning districts when the adjacent property is zoned residentially or occupied by a dwelling, medical facility, school, library or nursing home, noise generating equipment shall be sound-buffered by means of baffling, barriers, or other suitable means to reduce sound level measured at the property line to 45 decibels. In all other locations, noise shall be regulated by applicable county ordinances.

**G. Lighting:** Transmission towers shall not be artificially lighted except as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In cases where there are residential uses located within a distance which is three hundred percent (300%) of the height of the transmission tower from the transmission tower, and when required by federal law, dual mode lighting shall be requested from the FAA.

**H. Color:** The transmission tower and attached antennas shall be unpainted galvanized steel or painted neutral colors or such shades as are appropriate and compatible with the surrounding environment, as approved by the Zoning Board.

**I. Display:** No signs, striping, graphics or other attention getting devices are permitted on the transmission tower or ancillary facilities except for warning and safety signage with a surface area of no more than three (3) square feet. Such signage shall be affixed to a fence or ancillary facility and the number of signs is limited to no more than two (2).

**J. Fences:** An open air fence, eight (8) feet in height, shall be constructed around the base of the tower and/or guy wires, unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board.

**9. Waiver:**

**A.** Any waiver to the requirements of this article shall be granted only pursuant to the following provisions. The criteria for granting a waiver shall be limited to this article, and shall not include criteria beyond Article XXIV.

**B.** The Zoning Board may grant a waiver from the provisions of Section 20.53.8 of this article providing the applicant demonstrates that:

1. It is technologically impossible (including propagation studies) to locate the proposed transmission tower on available sites more than one-half (1/2) mile from a pre-existing transmission tower and still provide the approximate coverage the transmission tower is intended to provide;

2. The pre-existing transmission tower that is within one-half (1/2) miles of the proposed transmission tower cannot be modified to accommodate another provider; and

3. There are no available buildings, light or utility poles or water towers on which antennas may be located and still provide the approximate coverage the transmission tower is intended to provide.

**C.** The Zoning Board may grant a waiver to the setback and grounding requirements of sections 20.53.8 (D) or 20.53.9 upon finding that stealth design, proposed landscaping, configuration of the site, or the presence of mature trees obviates the need for compliance.

**D.** The Zoning Board may grant a waiver to the two hundred fifty (250) foot height limitation in zones HC and I, the two hundred fifty (250) foot height limitation in zones HSC and CSC, or to the two hundred fifty (250) foot height limitation in zones RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC and NSC, if the applicant shows, through written documentation provided by an engineer, that the proposed height is the minimum height needed to meet service needs and to accommodate future co-locations per Section 20.53.8 (C).

**E.** If the proposed transmission tower or ancillary facility requires a special use permit, a request for waiver shall be considered as part of the special use permit process. If the proposed transmission tower or ancillary facility is a permitted

use, the request for a waiver shall be decided by the Zoning Board and shall be based on the criteria in this section.

**10. Removal Of Facilities:**

**A.** All transmission towers, antennas, transmission tower substructures and ancillary facilities shall be removed within six (6) months of the time that the facilities have ceased being used to transmit, receive or relay voice and data signals to or from wireless communication devices. The responsibility to remove shall be born by the owner and operator of the tower, antenna, substructure or facility and by the real property owner upon which the tower, antenna, substructure or facility is located. The site must be restored to the extent possible with appropriate landscaping to its pretransmission transmission tower appearance. The Zoning Board may grant one (1), six (6) month extension where a written request has been filed within the initial six (6) month period to reuse the transmission tower or antennas.

**B.** The Zoning Board may require the posting of an open-ended evergreen bond before building permit issuance to ensure removal of the transmission tower, substructure or antennas after the facility no longer is being used.

**11. Fees:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the Zoning Board may require, as part of application fees for building or special use permits for telecommunications facilities, an amount sufficient to recover all of the county's costs in retaining consultants to verify statements made in conjunction with the permit application, to the extent that verification requires telecommunication expertise. This amount shall be set by county board resolution.

**12. Repealer:** All former ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**13. Severability:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 21.04 - Lakes, Ponds, Streams, Water Courses And Drainageways (rev. 5/29/01 B.)**

**B.** In all zoning districts the edge, bank, or shore of any lake, pond, river or stream shall not be altered, changed, transformed or otherwise varied from its present condition, except in conformance with the provisions set forth in the most recent adopted versions of (1) Public Act 291 of 1965, "The Inland Lakes And Streams Act", and/or (2) part 91; Soil Erosion And Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resources And Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and the rules promulgated under authority of these acts.

**SECTION 26.02 - Membership and Terms of office (rev. 5/29/01)**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five (5) members. One member of the Board of Appeals shall be a member of the County Planning and Zoning Commission, to be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, for the terms of his office; the remainder of the members shall be selected and appointed by the County Board from among the electors residing in the unincorporated area of the County for a term of three (3) years, provided that no elected officer of the County, nor any employee of the County Board of Commissioners may serve simultaneously as the elector member or as an employee of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be elected from among any of its members each year at the first regular meeting held at the beginning of each calendar year.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, May 10, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following items:

### Slope Control Automation For Caterpillar Motorgrader

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Motorgrader Slope Control". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners  
Thomas Perry, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case#01-3: Harry C. Weideman, petitioner.  
045-763-06-024-00  
T28N, R4W, Sec. 8  
Portage Lake Park, 2nd Add., Block 6, Lots 24-27  
R-2 Zone.

A request to allow a 8' x 20' addition to an existing detached accessory building, which is 6' from the west side lot line, a variance of 4'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517)348-4361

Monica S. Ashton  
Township Clerk

## NOTICE OF TIMBER FOR SALE

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following sale of timber:

Removal of all trees and brush within a 100' wide x approximately 1,800' in length road right-of-way (North Higgins Lake Drive) located within section 36, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Approximately 4.13 acres.

Site map is attached, additional information may be obtained from the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "North Higgins Lake Drive Timber Sale".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

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### 23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before July 1, 2001:

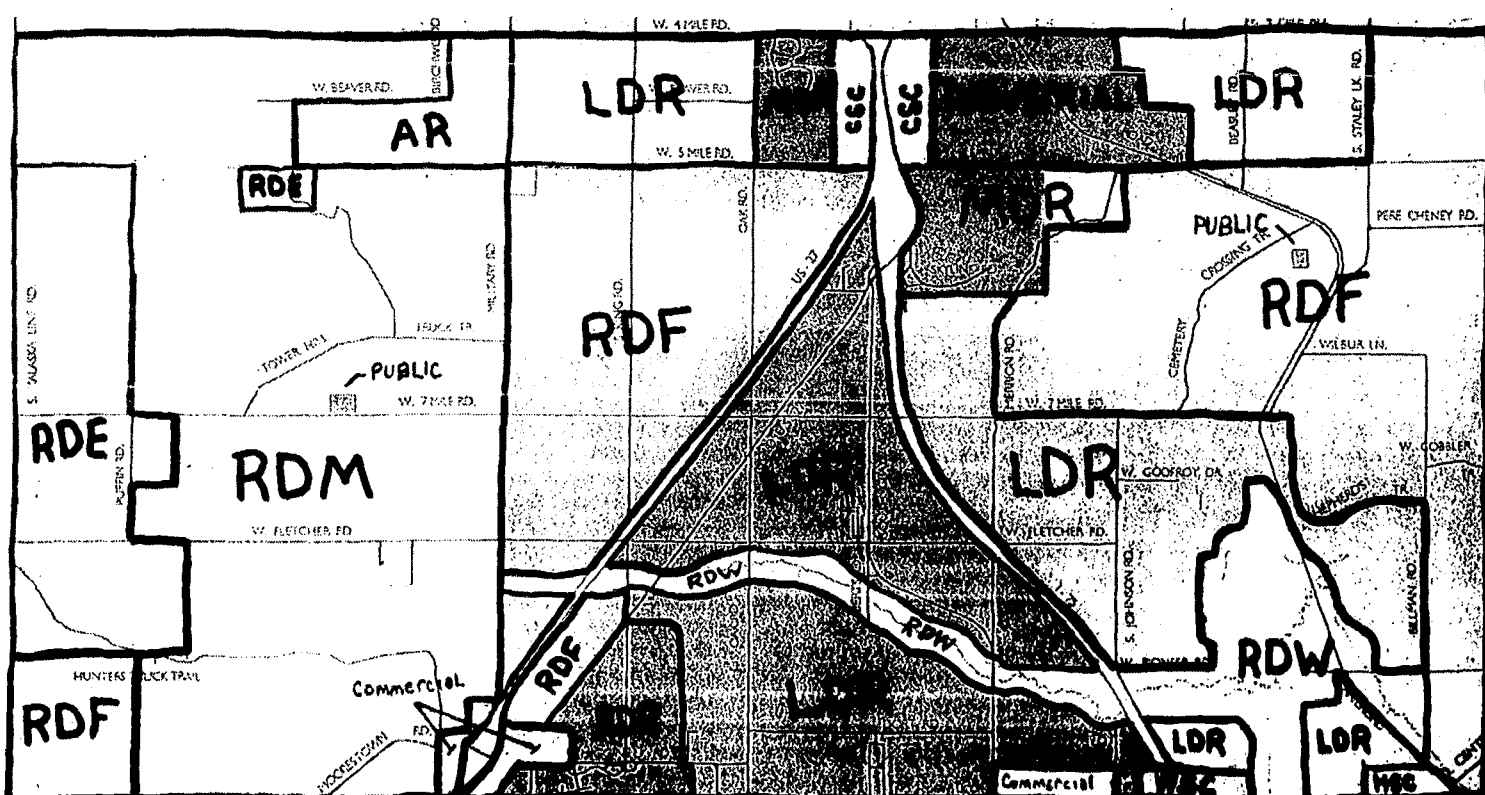
20,000 ton @ Lovells Pit: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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### KEY TO ZONING DISTRICTS

AR=Agricultural-Residential; CSC=Community Services Commercial; LDR=Low Density Residential  
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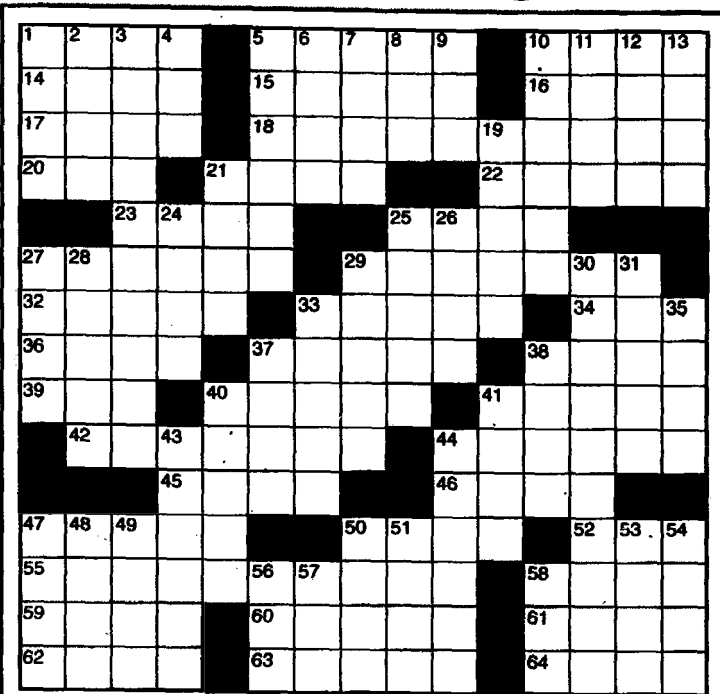
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### ACROSS

1. Bellyache
5. Robe material
10. *Bandito* (1979 film)
14. Drag
15. Layer over the Earth
16. *vacantia*
17. Like a dilettante
18. Face place
20. Old car
21. Distribute
22. Overdoers' anguish
23. Post
25. What one doesn't get at a buffet
27. Gales
29. Agents of retribution
32. Oils, informally
33. Ambles aimlessly
34. *de plume*
36. Storklike bird
37. Like food with a kick
38. Poet St. Vincent Millay
39. British comic Smith
40. Orate wearers
41. Practice
42. Entertains
44. "Purple Rain" singer
45. Kind of hygiene
46. Phoned, in the U.K.
47. Put out
50. Impair
52. Guido's note
55. Assemble

### DOWN

1. Blacken
2. *The Breed* (James Stewart film)
3. Transportation
4. Poet Robert
5. Drying cloths
6. Hebrew prophet
7. Stir up sediment
8. Hosp. workers
9. Thought
10. Chinatown counter
11. Cedar chest outcast
12. Fonda's *You Only Live*
13. Cheerleading shouts
19. Abates
21. Makes darker
24. Warlike Greek god
25. Butchers' wares
26. TV award
27. Henry Fonda film
28. Potato, e.g.
29. Pries
30. Like the black-footed ferret

31. Like ultrasound waves
33. Throw back
35. Leonine ruff
37. *Nana* author
38. Moran of "Happy Days"
40. KP tool
41. Trolley
43. Overcharges
44. Clergyman
47. *See For Miles* (The Who) (2 wds.)
48. Shoe bottom
49. Vexed state
50. Drake, e.g.
51. Egyptian sun god
53. Aisle
54. Some condos (abbr.)
56. Govt. agoy.
57. Cotton machine
58. Doughboys' battle inits.

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago April 13, 1978

Grayling State Bank is having a Corvette Show on June 3, 1978 in downtown Grayling. Corvette Clubs throughout Michigan have been invited to "show" and expect to be on hand will be Silver Editions and Pace Cars. There is no admission charge to the show that will be held on the spacious premises of the Grayling State Bank.

Mill-Town Realty, established by G. Jerome Kessler in May of 1974, has been sold by Mr. Kessler to George A. Dice of Grayling. Mr. Dice will operate the full service real estate brokerage as Broker Realtor, with Mr. Kessler remaining as Associate Broker.

This coming Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. the G.H.S. Senior Band will present its 1978 Winter concert. After twice being postponed due to scheduling conflicts and the recent flu epidemic, the band will take the stage with a varied program of various and popular music, solos and a short set by the popular GHS Stage Band.

Punch Laundry detergent is offered at the Black and White Foodland a 49 ounce box for \$1.15; Heinz Ketchup, 14 ounce bottle is 45 cents and Post assorted cereals 10 count pack is only 79 cents.

### 46 Years Ago April 14, 1955

At the A & P Food Store Musselman's Apple Jelly is offering

3 pound can for 69 cents; Northern Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls for 25 cents and Oxford Park Grass seed, 5 pound bag for \$1.79.

Welsh Motor Sales offers a '55 Ford Mainline Six starting as low as \$1,699.97.

Now... a beautifully colored genuine Bascal Aluminum Snack Bowl with each big box of Vita-Boy De-Calorized Potato Chips! Ask your dealer. A 99 cent value for only 69 cents.

The 2nd Annual Grayling Women's Club Trade Show is Friday and Saturday at the New Grayling High School Gymnasium. Hear and enjoy... Les Leechy and his Hammond Organ, King's Men Glee Club, 17 piece orchestra, Nash Kelvinator Glee Club, State Police Sgt. Coykendall's Fancy Shooting and Grayling Kid's Tap dance revue. Open from 1 p.m. through the evening, admission is 35 cents a person, children under 12, 20cents.

### 69 Years Ago April 14, 1932

Filling a long want Grayling Mercy Hospital has purchased a new ambulance. It arrived this week and yesterday was toured up and down the streets so that the public might view it. The machine is very light grey in color and trimmed with a pretty shade of blue. A shrill whistle lets you know when it is coming.

A large crowd attended the party that was held at the Board of Trade



Peterson Hardware Co. had this advertisement in the April 11, 1955 edition of the Avalanche.

rooms Friday evening for the benefit of the Winter Sports association. The Ramblers furnished the music and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Otto Failing is the owner of a new Chevrolet-DeLuxe coach purchased Saturday from local Chevrolet dealer Alfred Hanson.

This has been a cold week. Low temperature was accompanied by brisk winds and occasional snow flurries. Today bids fair to warm up. Let's hope it does.

Carl Goodwin of Allegan, who has the contract for building the new state highway to Kalkaska, to be known as M-76, arrived in Grayling Saturday to continue the road building. Work was begun Tuesday morning. Last fall part of the work was done and when the weather became bad it was discontinued until spring.

### 92 Years Ago April 15, 1909

Farmers report considerable timber blown down by young cyclones which circled around us for three days last week.

A large window was blown out in George Mahon's house, and one in Miss Hadley's house on Park Street. A section of roofing from the engine house at the Dowel Plant and the iron roofing on the wing of A. Taylor's house on Lake Street. A car loaded with slabs was blown down the track into the pit of the turntable and several trees and fences demolished in the different parts of town by the high wind of last week.

54,000 brook trout were received from the Michigan Fish Commission by J.C. Burton last Friday, of which 30,000 were planted in the main stream and 24,000 in the east branch of the AuSable River.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Asparagus With Red Pepper Sauce

- 2 large red bell peppers, cored and seeded
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tbsp. raspberry vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- freshly ground pepper
- 1 1/2 lbs. fresh California asparagus, trimmed bell pepper, basil, Parmesan Cheese (garnish)

Coarsely chop bell peppers. Heat olive oil in a large skillet. Add peppers and garlic; cook over medium heat for about 15 minutes or until peppers are softened, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Place in blender or food processor and purée until smooth; stir in vinegar, basil, salt

and pepper. Cook asparagus spears in boiling water for 4 to 5 minutes until crisp-tender; drain. Spoon red pepper sauce on platter and arrange asparagus over sauce. Garnish with thin slices of bell pepper, basil and Parmesan if desire.

Makes 4 servings.

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 16 thru April 22

### ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

You can bet this week will be eventful. The one thing you can be most assured of is plenty of energy, given that the presence of your Ruler, Mars, is so strong. You're sure to notice great mental strength, as well. You will find it exceptionally easy to pick up on others' strengths, and the temptation to try and benefit from these insights will likely be present. There is a tremendous amount of cosmic support and energy that can see you develop and grow in leaps and bounds if you focus your skills and talents.

### TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

Your inner drive to build a firm foundation in your life motivates you to approach responsibilities in a serious and practical way. Pressure to go at a speed that you aren't prepared for can throw you right off. And while you are not quick to anger usually, once you reach a certain point, you're apt to explode. This is an area that you can work on this week in particular. Stick to jobs that are moderately paced, rather than those in a high pressure and fast moving environment.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

Getting your head in sync with your emotional needs will take some doing this week. You can expect a more pensive and challenging state on Thursday with an increased fear of rejection. This will usually manifest in jealousy, impulsiveness, and taking things to the extreme when seeking solutions. You will need to try and see the source of these feelings if they occur if you want to overcome them. You may find that you have no reason to feel such fears in the here and now.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22):

If you feel as though someone is benefiting from your misfortune this week, you could be right. Given your sensitive nature, this can cause you emotional pain and anger. While you cannot control what others do (they have to deal with the consequences themselves), you can control how you handle things. When it comes to things happening that you haven't any power over, physical activity can be an excellent way to cope. Engaging your creative mind will prevent you from stewing, as well.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

This week will bring out your greatest abilities, allowing your ingenious mind to think in an original and creative way. You are apt to be the trend breaker and setter, and your pleasure in being the one in the spotlight will be obvious to everyone around you. You will have to watch out for one thing, though: make sure that all of this star shining doesn't go to your head! It can be easier for you to become egotistical than most others.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

All times you can be a real loner, and this might be the case this week. You will have plenty to keep you busy on your own, it won't cause you any grief. However, if you do have to work within a team setting, expect to experience some challenges. Your patience and tolerance levels will be reduced, and you might find yourself in some sort of conflict. There will be strength of mind to counteract emotional impulses. Rely on this ability to reason to help you gain a firmer footing in the present day. Don't jump to conclusions about anyone or anything until you have had a chance to think things through.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT ONLY

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

This is excellent time to pursue educational endeavors. Yours is a sharp mind to begin with, and the added boost this aspect brings can see you learning at far quicker rates than usual. This is the week to study, take a course, learn a new program, or take part in a workshop. It also brings you the chance to develop some of your domestic skills. Try learning how to cook, or organize your paperwork, or take up a new craft. You might be surprised at how much pleasure this can bring you if you have it half a chance.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

The aspects that are occurring this week will see you making great strides in both your personal and professional life. Your natural talents will soar. Your independence will see you come to with incredible ingenious ideas on how to handle even the most complex challenges. You will do well working on your own, and equally well working with others. No matter what you have to tend to, the results will be exceptional. Exercise patience with those who show nosey curiosity about your activities.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

There's a lot of elemental fire activity happening for you this week. You can be assured that this means a lot of physical and creative energy arising, along with strong emotions. Generally you are outgoing, cheerful, and optimistic; you this aspect may affect you to the point where you are more in the mood to be left alone than anything else. You'll need to guard against the blues, as you will be more skeptical about your findings than ever. Connecting with nature by taking a walk through some trees or on the beach can help you regain your perspective.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

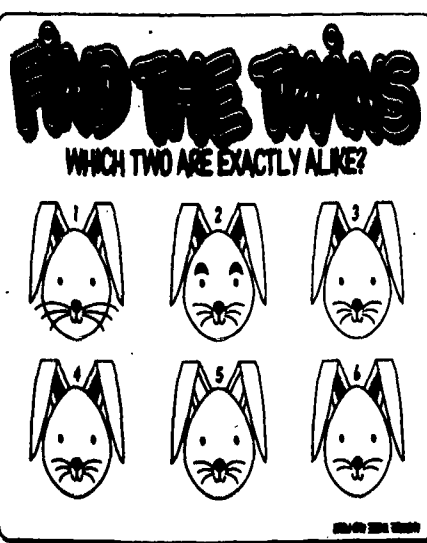
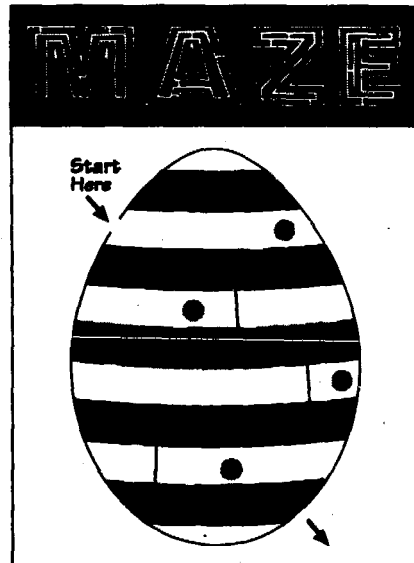
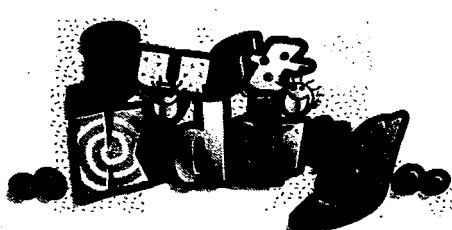
If you have been feeling rundown or sluggish, this week should see you in much better shape. You will find you have far more energy than usual. Needless to say, this is a week to be active and to get things done. Productivity will be the key focus for you. Knowing when to take a break or call it a night however, may not come as easily. Keep in mind that if you push yourself beyond the physical limits you know you have, you could wind up feeling poorly again. You should have plenty of time, as you will be quick to finish your work.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

You are certain to be known as someone who at times gets lost in the clouds of idealism and fantasy. This affords you an opportune time to review your life and how things have been going. Everything from your finances to your love life are worth taking a look at, as you will certainly notice aspects that you may not have seen before. Problem solving will also prove more fruitful with this kind of mindset. This is the time for you to get things better under control. Even if some things make you shudder, like money matters, don't let this stop you.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

Your emotions will get a bit of a workout this week. The first thing to watch for is blocked creativity. Feelings of restlessness, irritation, frustration, and a lack of patience with yourself are all indicators that you desperately need some creative release. Try to recognize that everyone deals with these issues on one level or another. Don't waste time or energy worrying about that. It is better to direct it toward either finding out where this started for you, or if you already know, ways to get past it.



## Adopt a Pet



Shown is a black and tan Terrier mix that is around 4-6 months old. He was found on Lesleigh Drive. If you are interested in this little guy, or any pets at the shelter, please call 348-4117 or stop in.

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Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Rain	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4/04	48	25		High 61	High 61	High 59	High 54	High 56
4/05	56	26		Low 43	Low 43	Low 34	Low 32	Low 34
4/06	57	29	0.82	Shower	Shower	Shower	Scattered Showers	Rain
4/07	45	38	0.52					
4/08	68	38	0.07					
4/09	53	32	0.02					
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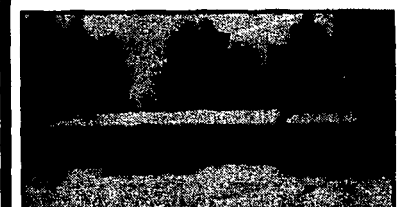
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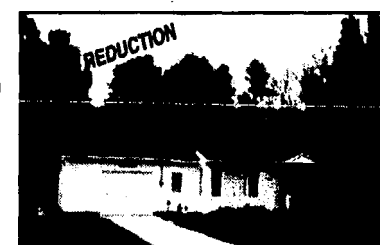
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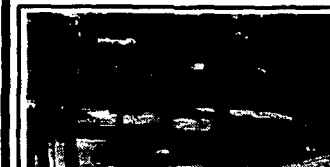
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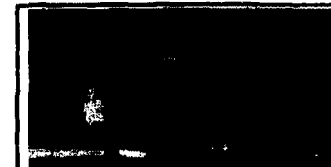
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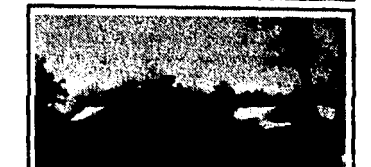
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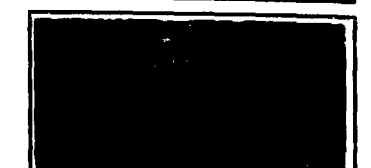
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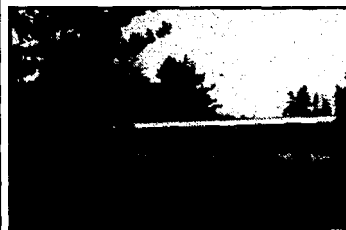
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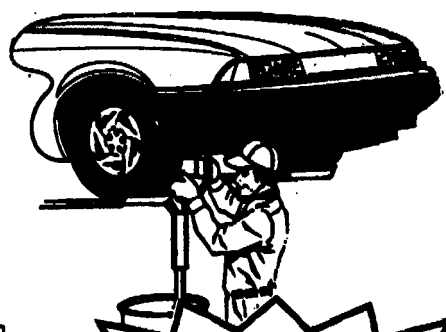
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Ann Arbor, Mich - Sue had just turned 33 when the unthinkable happened. She was waiting in the customer serve line at the store one morning, her young child in tow, when a heart attack struck out of nowhere.

Luckily, she made it to the hospital in time, and is now recovering with the help of regular appointments with a University of Michigan cardiologist and rehabilitation program. But her heart attack, which came without any warning symptoms, changed her life forever. It also changed her attitudes about who gets heart disease.

"I thought this was more of a men's condition," she says today. "Now, I'm becoming more aware of how young people can have heart attacks, with no known history of cardiac disease, and how it can happen to anybody, including a lot of females - more than I had thought."

Sue's story should help all women realize the danger they face from heart disease - and the steps they can take to prevent it - at any age, says U-M Health System cardiologist and assistant professor of internal medicine Clair Duvernoy, M.D.

"More women in this country perceive themselves as not threatened by cardiovascular disease, but the fact is that it's the most common killer of women in the country," Duvernoy says. "If you ask most women, they'll tell you that the major threat to their life and health is cancer, especially breast cancer. I don't want to downplay the significance of cancer, but more women die of heart disease in the U.S. than die of all forms of cancer combined."

Another thing that surprises many women, she continues, is that more women than men die of heart disease, and that women who get heart disease often fare worse overall than men. These facts contradict the stereotype that heart problems are mostly a man's concern.

Worse still, such wrong impressions can escalate women's risk

even more, Duvernoy warns. They may fail to take preventive steps, recognize symptoms, manage their other heart-damaging health conditions effectively, or pursue the best treatment for a heart problem.

Early diagnosis, and appropriate measures to stave off problems, are key to evening the odds. That's why the U-M Health System offers its Preventive Cardiology Service, where women and men can be evaluated for their cardiovascular risk, prescribed a range of preventive strategies, and treated. Those women who prefer a female cardiologist can ask to be seen by one.

Part of the reason for the difference between heart disease death rates for women and men is the difference in life span. Women tend to develop serious heart problems about 10 years later than men do, but they live longer overall, and advanced age is risk factor for heart disease.

So is menopause - possibly due in part to the fact that a woman's level of estrogen, which seems to protect the cardiovascular system, decreases as she approaches and enters menopause. Duvernoy's own research focuses on the effect of estrogen on blood flow in small blood vessels. Women who wish to enroll in her clinical trials of hormone replacement therapy and hormone alternatives can call 734-769-7100. Ext. 5425.

Women are also more likely than men to have the kind of chronic health problems, like obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure, that can harm the cardiovascular system over time. More girls and women are smoking at younger ages, posing a long-term risk to their heart. All these factors can remove the heart-risk advantage that younger women have over men their age.

These "co-morbidities", or existing conditions, not only help cause heart disease - they can also make a woman who has heart disease harder to treat and less likely to do well after treatment. "Once a women's been diagnosed with heart disease, she does not have as good a prognosis

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sis on average as a man of her age group who has been diagnosed," she says.

Part of the problem in American health care as a whole, Duvernoy says, is that doctors and other health care providers have the same skewed perceptions as women themselves. They may not treat a woman's condition as aggressively as they would a man's.

Another problem involves actual differences in the way women experience, react to and report symptoms. For example, unlike Sue, women who have a heart attack sometimes don't even realize what's happening to them. They may report their warning signs as a general malaise, nausea, abdominal pain or excessive fatigue, which don't match the chest pain, gray color and sweatiness that are widely thought of as heart attacks "typical" symptoms.

As a result, some women don't seek medical attention quickly enough, and when they do, they may not get checked quickly for a heart attack. That can hurt their chances; early identification and treatment of any heart problem is key to making the outcome as good as possible.

So, Duvernoy says, women must learn what to look for, and take symptoms seriously. "The message

for women should be: Be aware of your body. Pay attention to what's going on. Don't downplay your symptoms because you don't have time for this," she says. "If you feel like something is wrong, you need to seek medical attention immediately."

After a heart attack or other problem, it's important for patients to get follow-up rehabilitation, including carefully planned exercise. But Duvernoy finds that women are less likely to follow through. "Women have a lot more barriers to enrollment in rehab. They tend to be the caregiver in the family and they don't think they have the time to go and do something for themselves because they're taking care of their children, husbands or parents," she says. "But rehab is very helpful in improving a women's prognosis, and making her feel a lot better."

Preventive and follow-up care for heart disease have a lot in common, says Duvernoy. In general, she recommends that women follow these steps.

- Exercise regularly, whether it's walking your dog, doing aerobics or another activity.
- Eat a heart-healthy diet, watching your fat and cholesterol intake.
- Don't smoke, or if you already do, quit.
- Get regular medical checkups,

including blood pressure checks and blood tests.

- Control your weight, especially if you have diabetes.
- If you have diabetes, control your blood sugar to help cut your risk of heart disease.
- Monitor your blood pressure, and if you already know it's high, take your medication.
- Keep track of the levels of 'good' and 'bad' cholesterol in your blood - women whose levels of these substances are out of balance are more likely to develop a heart problem than men. If you have a high 'bad' cholesterol level, ask your doctor about medication.
- If you're an African-American or Hispanic woman, realize that your risk is even greater than that of white women, and work hard on prevention.
- Don't count on hormone replacement therapy to reduce your heart risk after menopause.

Duvernoy counsels that there's not yet enough evidence that hormone replacement protects the heart, or that it doesn't increase stroke risk, though she doesn't recommend that women stop hormones taken to ease menopause effects or cut osteoporosis risk.

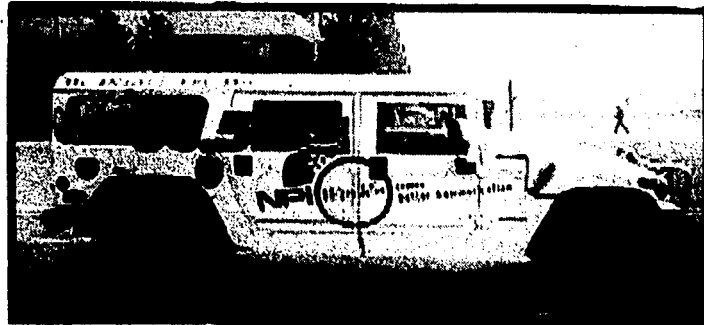
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Spawning usually takes place at night, which some diligent observers have been able to watch firsthand.

Most of us only experience the burbot at the end of an ice-fishing pole. While these cold-hardy fish do not eat during spawning time, they are very hungry afterwards and begin feeding vigorously.

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